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President's Message

Dear Members:

It's late July as I write this message. The volume of posts on IBET is down to a trickle. Posters are down to a few birders who are out every weekend no matter the weather, sun, rain, hail or thunder storms. Quite a few of my birding circle are off to distant locales often mixing birding with other activities.

That is the great thing about birding. No matter where you go and whatever the primary reason for the trip, there are usually birding opportunities. In my case I have just returned from a trip to the Jersey Shore for a business meeting. On the last afternoon we headed out to sea on a fishing excursion. A little reluctantly I was persuaded to take up a fishing rod. There were a few Laughing Gulls and Great Blackbacks hanging round, but nothing else. So I accepted a rod. Imagine my delight sometime later when a small black bird danced over the waves in the wake of our boat just as I fought to land a sizable Bluefish. It was a Wilson's Storm-petrel, supposedly the world's most numerous species yet one I had not seen before. Before the end of the day nine more Wilson's passed by.

It is not easy balancing a fishing rod and binoculars in a pitching sea, but it was worth it even in the face of the vociferous displeasure of the boat's mate who wanted the focus on fish. Two Band-Rumped Stormies briefly joined the Wilson's as did a small flock of Cory's Shearwaters.

The excursion took me back to my teenage years and trips to and from the offshore island sanctuaries in northern New Zealand waters. On a typical trip we would see up to five species of shearwater, a pterodroma or two, Giant Petrel, Cape Pigeon, Diving Petrel, White-faced Storm-Petrel and, if we were lucky, an albatross.

Watching tubenoses effortlessly handle stormy weather is one of the great birding experiences. They skim first low over the water disappearing down a trough behind a wave and moments later emerging in soaring arcs high over the wave crests before disappearing once again into a sea of whitecaps. Some soar, some skim down the waves and yet others skip from crest to crest. Each species has its characteristic flight pattern.

I trust you all are getting much pleasure out of your birding activities this summer and look forward to seeing many of you on one or other of our upcoming field trips – the Carlyle Lake Pelagic on Sept. 20 and the Sprague's Pipit Walk on Oct. 25.

Good birding.

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Letter from the Editor

A bird in the hand

This has been a difficult year for many of the key players in getting *Meadowlark* out and delivered to your mailboxes. Because of illnesses, family emergencies, and job difficulties, some of us have had a little less time to devote to IOS, and as you likely have noticed, the issues have been a little late. (We're working on that).

Difficult years, however, can teach us a bit about the wildlife experience. When suffering from a long-term ailment, caring for a loved one, having too much to do at work; you can't get out and bird as much as you'd like. And that can be very disheartening.

However, there's a silver lining in every bird feather. Stuck at home, you're forced to look at what's all around you. Sure, you may not get a rare bird in your back yard (although see Bob Fisher's article in this issue), but you can watch Baltimore Orioles feeding on grape jelly from your feeder; you can watch a young oriole learn how to get itself some grape jelly and how to take a bath. You can watch the damselfies dancing on the helianthus leaves and the bee balm finally opening up into soft, purple flowers.

You can watch goldfinches bringing their young to thistle feeders; the fledglings quivering in anticipation of a yummy morsel.

You can listen to cardinals singing all summer long, even after most birds have fledged their final young of the season.

You can discover a water plantain growing in a wet spot next to your Norway spruce in the front yard; and you can watch two juvenile squirrels have the time of their lives running up and down your trees.

Like you, I long for exotic birds to see and new horizons to explore, but I hope, you, like I, can also enjoy what's right in front or back of your yard.

Sheryl DeVore

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On the hunt for Sprague's Pipit:

a composite of Sprague's Pipit observations from Southern Illinois and Southwestern Missouri, with tips on locating the bird

By Dan Kassebaum and Joe Eades

The value of Bohlen's The Birds of Illinois (1989) and the various state birding publications since 1974 cannot be understated when it comes to knowing where and when a species is likely to occur in Illinois. Beginning with the spring migration of 1974, comprehensive seasonal data summaries have been available to Illinois birders through the Illinois Audubon Bulletin (numbers 170-210), Illinois Birds & Birding (volumes 1-7) and Meadowlark (volumes 1-16). With these publications, one can assemble a migratory window and plot the best time to look for the more unusual species of Illinois. This is especially true for Sprague's Pipit (*Anthus spragueii*). Although data for this species in Illinois are sparse, patterns for the spring and fall can be found.

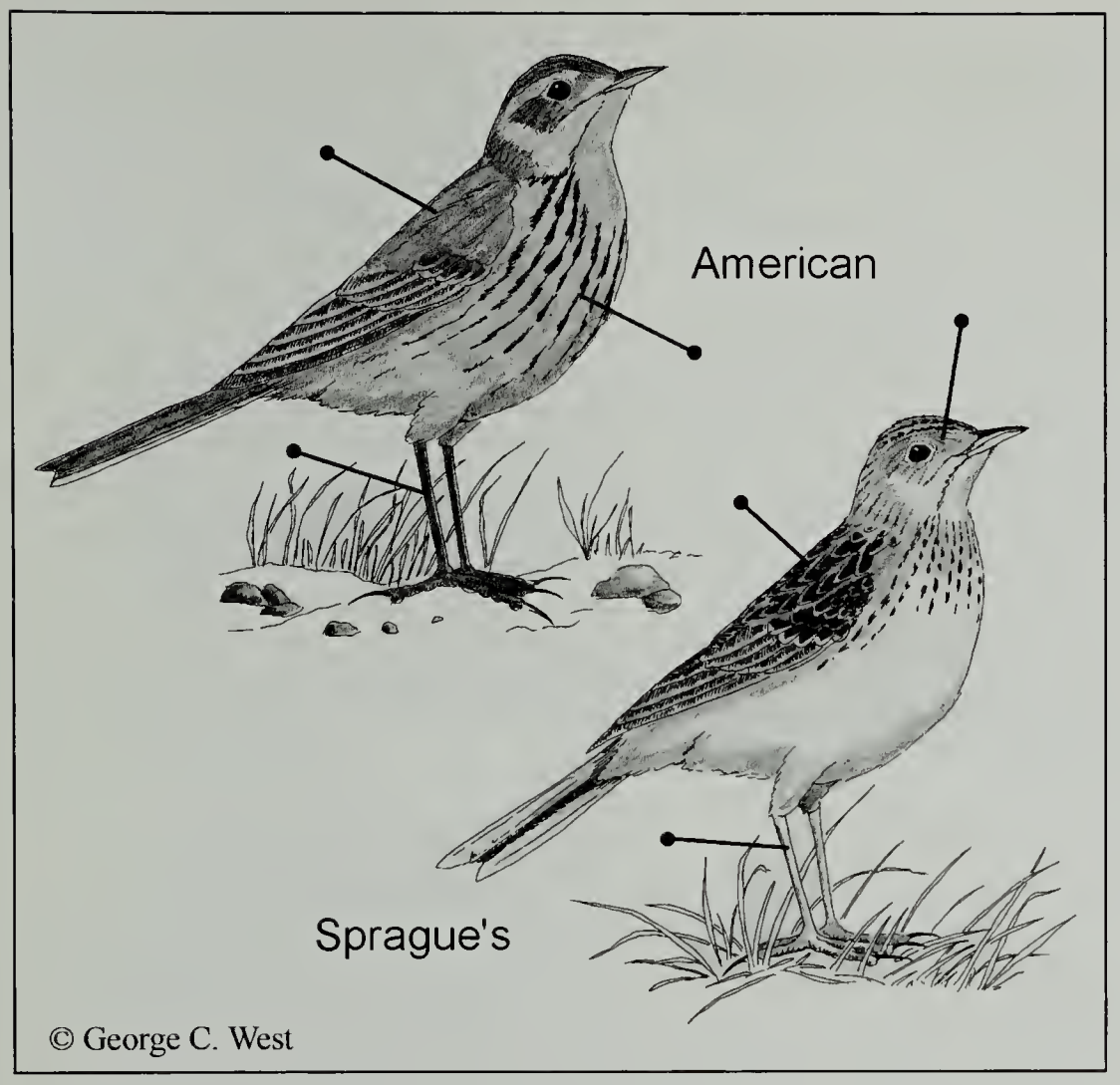
My first encounter with this species was on 20 April 2000. I had located an Upland Sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*) in an agricultural field in Clinton County. While viewing the sandpiper, I heard a persistent flight song high overhead. Horned Lark (*Eremophila alpestris*) was the most likely candidate, but I soon realized I was hearing the flight song of a Sprague's Pipit. I attempted to locate the bird with my binoculars. Although I could clearly hear the bird ealling overheard from what seemed like a fixed position, I could not find it in the sky. When I got home, I confirmed the song with several commercial recordings. I also checked Bohlen (1989) and was relieved to see that the record fell perfectly within the window of data for spring migrants. I know of no other Illinois reports that claim to have heard the Sprague's Pipit in full flight song during migration. This record was submitted with documentation to the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC), but the outcome is still pending.

In the summer of 2003, I traveled to North Dakota with Louise Augustine, specifically targeting Sprague's Pipit and Baird's Sparrow (*Ammodramus bairdii*). On their breeding grounds, both these species are easy to observe. During this trip, I watched several Sprague's Pipits perform their flight song. It is amazing to see the height at which this behavior occurs. The pipit can fly as high as 75 meters during its courtship ritual. These observations further strengthened my confidence that the report from 20 April 2000 in Clinton County was valid.

My next encounter was with Travis Mahan on 12 November 2006. We were at the Denmark Unit of Pyramid State Park (Perry County) looking for the previously reported Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*). Pyramid State Park is mostly composed of reclaimed strip mine, some of which is leased as cattle pasture. The area is huge and the grasses are sparse due to poor soil quality and grazing. While trying to locate hidden roosting burrows for the owl, we flushed a bird with an odd squeaky call. Because our concentration was to the ground, we were slow to react and could not locate the "squeaky" bird overhead. We quickly dismissed American Pipit (*Anthus rubescens*), Horned Lark, and any sparrow or longspur as the source of the sound and were exeited at the prospect of Sprague's Pipit. We fanned out over the area but could not produce another bird. We compared our observation with the call notes recorded on the National Geographic Society - Guide to Bird Sounds (1985) and Flight Calls of Migratory Birds – Eastern North American Landbirds (2002). The calls we heard in the field matched perfectly with those recordings. Both the Peterson (1990, 1992) and Stokes (1997, 1999) recordings include Sprague's Pipit, but only the flight song and not the call note. From my experience, knowing the call note will greatly increase your chances of identifying this bird in the field.

At this point, I pieced together the migratory windows from Bohlen (1989) and the subsequent issues of Illinois Birds and Birding and Meadowlark. I also found a few more obscure records from the Illinois Audubon Bulletin prior to the Seasonal Reports beginning in 1974 and a few recent IBET postings that have not been published. The spring migratory window, based on 18 records, extends from 16 March through 9 May, with most records concentrated around 20 April. The fall window, based on 12 records, extends from 1 October through 12 November, with a concentration of records during the last week of October. Table 1 summarizes the records and reports found for Sprague's Pipit in Illinois.

Based on the observation from 12 November 2006 and reeords of wintering Sprague's Pipits in southern Illinois, Travis Mahan planned a fall IOS field trip at Pyramid State Park on 10 November 2007 with Sprague's Pipit as the target species. Although the limited fall data suggested late October as the better window, we proceeded as planned. As expected, the turnout was low given that this species has no history of being found in Illinois on demand. A few local southern Illinois birders came, and only Craig Taylor and Tim Kuesel made the trip from up north.



Illustrations of American Pipit, left, and Sprague's Pipit, right, copyrighted by and printed here with permission by Dr. George C. West, Birchside Studios, www.birchsidestudios.com.

Note the American Pipit's thin, longitudinal streaking as opposed to the Sprague's Pipit, with streaking more concentrated on the breast.

Though you will likely never see these birds side by side in the field in Illinois, you can look at their breast markings to help with identification.

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We began our search in the pasture where Travis and I had located the bird in November 2006 and walked for quite a while without any luck. We were probably too spread out and had we flushed a pipit, we would not have been able to get the entire group on the bird. We moved to another nearby pasture, this time flushing two Sprague's Pipits. Quite luckily, as we advanced from the road into the pasture, we were funneled to a lane of fescue leading to a large dove hunting field within the park. The first bird flushed within a few feet of my position as I entered the lane. It called loudly and repeatedly, but not as loud as my attempt to get the group on the bird. Ideally, the sun was at our back, and we could plainly see the bold white outer tail feathers as the bird spiraled high into the sky. It climbed in a wide circling pattern as if it were looking for a good place to land. I continually called out its position to make sure the group was on the bird. I got a few positive responses and alerted them to anticipate the dramatic dive as this species falls from the sky to land. I had not yet observed this behavior, but knew well enough what to expect. When you do see it, you are left with little doubt as to the identity of the bird. We marked the spot where the bird landed with intents on flushing it again. On a hunch, I continued down the grassy lane hoping for another pipit. I took only a few more steps and another Sprague's Pipit called as it flushed. We watched it as before, but this bird flushed in the opposite direction and was backlit. With the rolling contour of the strip mines, we were unable to view the dramatic descent as the pipit flew beyond our horizon. We went into the pasture to look for the first pipit, but were unable to relocate it. My next encounter with this species was on 21 March 2008. I returned to the Denmark Unit of Pyramid State Park. March may be the early window for this species, but a search on this date was justified by two other records – 16 March 1957 (Gallatin County) and 19 March 2006 (Fulton County). I entered the same field as the observations from the previous fall and flushed three Sprague's Pipits. Although all three birds were observed in the same field, they flushed separately and seemed to be in loose association with several Savannah Sparrows (*Passerculus sandwichensis*). The birds sought the thicker tufts of grass to avoid the extremely windy conditions. When flushed, the first two birds did not call nor fly very far and resettled only a few yards opposite my position. I was able to observe them briefly in flight and then leisurely on the ground as they moved ahead of me keeping a safe distance. After several repeated flushes, the first two birds remained well hidden and could not be located. The third bird flushed at my feet and called loudly. Because of the wind, I had pulled my hood up over my head, which obscured my peripheral vision. Therefore, when the bird flushed, I was unable to locate it in flight. Keith McMullen and I returned to the pasture the following morning, but we could not find any pipits. On the return trip the winds were even stronger and from the opposite direction. The strong winds may have prompted the birds to select another field or to move on.

On 20 April 2008, Mark Seiffert and I went to look for a Sprague's Pipit in Clinton County. Mark Seiffert went to great lengths with a county plat book to seek out properties that would allow us access to their fields. We selected a huge field with an unusually large crown. It seemed ideal as it had corn stubble from the previous fall, some sections of clover and alfalfa, and best of all, vehicle-sized lanes of fescue to prevent erosion. We drove to the crest of the field and began walking through the clover and alfalfa. Large numbers of Savannah Sparrows were present, likely a good

Table 1. Seasonal Records and Reports of Sprague's Pipit in Illinois

Spring Migration	Publication
March 16, 1957, Omaha, Gallatin County (6/7) (Richard Graber, Jean Graber - INHS) (Bohlen 1989) (Robinson 1996)	(IAB 102:5-7) (George 1968)
March 19, 2006, Fulton County (Kevin Richmond)	(IBET 2006)
March 21, 2008, Pyramid State Park - Denmark Unit, Perry County (3) (Dan Kassebaum)	—
April 5, 1953, Thomson, Carroll County (Elton Fawks)	(Smith and Parmalee 1955)
April 8, 1966, Levee Road, Monroe County (2) (Kathryn Arhos)	(NN 38:6:45) (AFN 20:4:514)
April 15, 1994, Matanzas Prairie, Mason County (3) (Kevin Richmond)	(MJIB 3:4:153)
April 17, 1966, Chicago, Cook County (3) (Fred Brechlin, Jim Brechlin)	(IAB 138:8) (AFN 20:4:514) (Bohlen 1978) (Mlodinow 1984) (Bohlen 1989)
April 18, 1992, Perks, Pulaski County (Todd Fink, Doug Robinson)	(MJIB 1:4:139-140) (MJIB 1:4:153) (Robinson 1996)
April 19, 1987, Vermilion County (Bob Chapel)	(IORC Doc. Form)
April 20, 2000, East Fork Township, Clinton County (Dan Kassebaum) *	(MJIB 9:4:158)
April 20, 2008, Lake Township, Clinton County (2) (Dan Kassebaum, Mark Seiffert) *	—
April 21, 1983, Grant Park, Cook County (2) (Pete Dring)	(Mlodinow 1984) (Bohlen 1989)
April 22-23, 1972, Jacksonville, Morgan County (David Bohlen, Bill O'Brien)	(IORC 1972.008; HDB) (MJIB 12:2:58) (IAB 163:17) (AB 26:4:768) (Bohlen 1978) (Bohlen 1989)
April 26, 1976, Springfield, Sangamon County (David Bohlen)	(IAB 178:34) (AB 30:4:849) (Bohlen 1989)
May 1, 1966, Montrose Harbor, Cook County (Fred Brechlin)	(IAB 139:23)
May 6, 1968, Woodstock, McHenry County (Darlene Fiske)	(IAB 147:21) (AFN 22:4:532) (Mlodinow 1984) (Bohlen 1989)
May 7, 1988, Piatt County (IORC 1988.045; unaccepted)	(IBB 6:1:13)
May 9, 1994, Jackson County (Bob Danley, Cody Smout)	(MJIB 3:4:153)

Fall Migration	Publication
October 1, 1976, Springfield, Sangamon County (David Bohlen)	(IAB 180:45) (AB 31:2:185) (Bohlen 1989)
October 4, 1996, east-northeast of Colfax, McLean County (IORC 1996.082; unaccepted)	(MJIB 7:2:63-64)
October 19, 1975, Sangamon County (David Bohlen)	(IAB 176:35) (AB 30:1:80) (Bohlen 1989)
October 20, 1975, Decatur, Macon County (Richard Sandburg)	(IAB 176:35) (AB 30:1:80) (Bohlen 1978) (Bohlen 1989)
October 22-23, 1975, Springfield, Sangamon County (David Bohlen, Vern Kleen)	(IAB 176:35) (AB 30:1:80) (Bohlen 1978) (Bohlen 1989)
October 27, 1970, Evanston, Cook County (Larry Balch) *	(IAB 157:27)
October 27, 1993, University of Illinois, Champaign County (Bob Chapel) *	(MJIB 3:2:62) (MJIB 3:2:76)
October 30, 1950, Rockford, Winnebago County (Edith Van Duzer, Leta McMaster)	(AFN 5:1:19) (Smith and Parmalee 1955) (Bohlen 1989)
October 30, 1982, Springfield, Sangamon County (David Bohlen) (SR 35:14)	(Bohlen 1989)
November 4, 2007, Nelson Lake, Kane County (probable) (Scott Cohrs)	(IBET 2007)
November 10, 2007, Pyramid State Park - Denmark Unit, Perry County (2) (Dan Kassebaum, IOS Fieldtrip)	
November 12, 2006, Pyramid State Park - Denmark Unit, Perry County (Dan Kassebaum, Travis Mahan)	

Winter	Publication
January 10, 1957, Cora, Jackson County (3/5, w/specimen - INHS) (Richard Graber, Jean Graber - INHS)	(IAB 102:5-7) (George 1968) (Bohlen 1978) (Bohlen 1989) (Robinson 1996)
January 13, 1957, Omaha, Gallatin County (4) (Richard Graber, Jean Graber - INHS)	(IAB 102:5-7) (George 1968) (Bohlen 1978) (Bohlen 1989) (Robinson 1996)

* Median dates per season

indicator of adequate food and cover for other migrants. Eventually, we made our way back through one of the grassy lanes of fescue and flushed a Sprague's Pipit. It called loudly as it took off. We quickly got on the bird and watched it climb high into the sky. We called out its position to make sure we were both on the same bird. As expected, the pipit folded its wings and dropped to the ground like a rock. Just before landing, the bird made a lateral swing before touching down. As I had done the previous fall, I continued down the grassy lane hoping for another pipit, and sure enough, a second bird flushed. We watched it fly off calling loudly, climb high into the sky, and eventually land in the same dramatic fashion.

Observing and identifying this species in the field, in most cases, requires a planned search. Select either a spring or fall date near the median of the migratory window. Select a large area of pasture or farm field with appropriate cover. Grassy lanes within these areas seem to be especially ideal. Suitable areas are likely available in most Illinois counties. Gaining access to a pasture or field may be your limiting factor. From my experience, this is not a species likely to be observed on the ground or easily photographed. Looks will be fleeting at best, and one must be satisfied with a brief encounter. Knowing well the flight calls and flight behaviors of Horned Lark, American Pipit, Savannah Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow (*Pooecetes gramineus*), Lapland Longspur (*Calcarius lapponicus*), and Smith's Longspur (*Calcarius pictus*) are essential, as these species share similar open habitats and must be considered when a bird flushes at your feet.

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Prior to the IOS fieldtrip to Pyramid State Park on 10 November 2007, Joe Eades of St. Louis, Missouri shared with us his most recent observations of Sprague's Pipit in southwestern Missouri. His details are provided below.

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I had the distinct pleasure of seeing and hearing a total of eight Sprague's Pipits on the prairies of southwestern Missouri on Sunday, 4 November 2007. That is my personal high count and personal latest fall date for Missouri. The prairies of southwestern Missouri are a long way from my home in the St. Louis area, so I don't check them weekly. In a normal year, I would have thought 10 November (the date of the 2007 IOS trip seeking this species), might have been a little late to seek this species at this latitude.

I have seen this species each of the last five years in Missouri. Over the last three years, I have targeted this species around Halloween and have been successful each of those years. My first encounter with Sprague's Pipit in Missouri was 17 October 2003. That is my personal earliest fall date for this species in Missouri. Conventional wisdom indicates that the fall migratory window for this species in Missouri occurs from mid-October through the first ten days of November, though there are late September records. This year, I was unable to locate one on my traditional end of October search. I believed the peak passage was slightly delayed in 2007, and the timing of the IOS fieldtrip may have been very good, and as noted above, it was!

The Sprague's Pipit is considered a rare transient in western Missouri (Robbins and Easterla 1992), and can be very difficult to find. It is rarely reported outside of western Missouri and until recently was considered hypothetical for the eastern part of the state. In general, only those who make a serious effort at the proper locations and at the right time of year will encounter this species in Missouri. I am only aware of a few individuals who have seen this species in Missouri over the past five years. Most records are from the fall. One recent spring record from eastern Missouri has been accepted by the Missouri Bird Records Committee (MBRC). The sighting occurred 5 May 2005, St. Charles County (MBRC 18th Annual Report, record #2005:45). There is only one other accepted record for the well-birded Missouri section within the St. Louis Area (a circle radiating 50 miles from the St. Louis City limits) – 19 October 1992, St. Charles County (MBRC 6th Annual Report). The paucity of reports from this region is largely a result of geological factors: Most of east-central Missouri is forested and the wooded Ozarks act as an "island" that separates the prairies of western Missouri from those in Illinois. Another factor is that areas of appropriate habitat on public land near St. Louis are very few. Extensive walking is a requirement. It is almost always difficult to get a good look at one.

Key to Table:

AB = American Bird
AFN = Audubon Field Notes
IAB = Illinois Audubon Bulletin
IBB = Illinois Birds & Birding
IBET = Illinois Birders Exchanging Thoughts (Internet listserve)
IORC = Illinois Ornithological Records Committee
MJIB = Meadowlark: A Journal of Illinois Birds
NN = Nature Notes (Webster Groves Nature Study Society)

See Literature Cited for more specifics on table data.

Behavioral and visual clues

There are several behavioral and visual clues that can be helpful in identifying a Sprague's Pipit. Usually, they flush nearby and appear long and slender as they fly away from you, like a very pale Horned Lark. When the white outer tail feathers flash, the white is very extensive, almost like that of a Dark-eyed Junco (*Junco hyemalis*) and much more than a Vesper Sparrow. This, plus their very pale coloration and slender shape, is distinctive. When on the ground, they are very pale blonde but may appear

pale grayish in flight. The bill can be very pale and appears thicker than that of an American Pipit. Because of this, if the bird is flying away from you (which it will be!), the bill can appear too big and conical to be this species. You may be tempted to write it off as a sparrow. Keep watching it! The flight is very undulating, with a very long, loping pattern of undulation. Shortly after take-off, you will likely hear a "jeet" or a "jeet, jeet, jeet", usually in sequence, which is strident and monotonal and very different from the up-and-down goldfinch-like flight call of the American Pipit. They continue to utter this call, but it becomes faint as the bird builds distance from you. They then begin to climb "giant steps" into the sky with this long undulating flight, gaining altitude rapidly in an exponentially accelerating curve. Once they reach a considerable height of 250-300 feet, they begin making broad circles. This may go on for a few minutes, and they sometimes appear to be looking back at where they were flushed. If you are still standing there, they usually turn away and fly off some distance further and then suddenly fold their wings to their side, point their head down, and drop at a very steep angle like a stone, practically all the way to the ground. They break their fall so close to the ground that it may actually be unusual to see it happen, especially if the grass is waist high. They appear to crash into the ground. It is an amazing sight.

If the bird in question breaks its fall 20-30 feet from the ground or higher, it is probably not this species. Smith's Longspurs sometimes drop from a considerable height, but they break their fall earlier with a couple of "stutter steps" from a height of about 30 feet. Keep in mind that this habit is shared by other birds of the open field, though none drop so dramatically and perpendicular to the ground in my experience. Even Horned Larks can drop suddenly and very steeply from a considerable height.

Directly overhead and at close range, the buffy underparts and necklace of streaks limited to the upper breast, as well as the relatively thin "pipit bill" and plain face, may be seen. It will probably be calling, a squeaky "jeet, jeet, jeet", which may help you with the identification. Chris Hobbs, an expert Kansas and Missouri birder, has described the flight call as "sounding like a robin on helium."

Improving your chances

If the entire group of birders drops to the ground quickly after flushing a good suspect, the bird may come back and land very close to where it flushed. Alternatively, if you leave that area and come back in 30 minutes, it is very likely that the bird will have returned to the same spot. This happened with three of the four Sprague's Pipits that I flushed at Prairie State Park in southwestern Missouri on 4 November 2007. The tendency for the bird to come back to the same area can make it difficult to determine how many birds are present. You may well flush the same bird more than once.

They will drop into tall grass, but definitely prefer short grass, about the height of that of a golf course fairway. I look for them in close-cropped native prairie grasses, such as on Greater Prairie-Chicken (*Tympanuchus cupido*) leks or hayed native grass fields. I usually walk about 10-15 feet from an edge of taller grass and concentrate on hilltops and the slopes leading up to and down from these.

Sometimes, you will get lucky and a Sprague's Pipit will fly low for only about 50 feet. If this happens, mark the spot immediately and get to it quickly. Stop about 25 feet from the spot and watch for the bird to stick its head up. This may get you once-in-a-lifetime looks. They allow fairly close approach, but you must be restrained because they generally flush at about 15-20 feet. I watched one from a distance of 25 feet in perfect light for 15 minutes on the ground on November 4, 2007. That opportunity doesn't come every day. If you have a group, you should try encircling the area where the bird landed in a manner similar to that used for good looks at Le Conte's Sparrow (*Ammodramus leconteii*). The bird will attempt to mouse away and may well be successful if you do not act quickly and stealthily.

Good luck pipit hunters!

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IOS awards five grants for important research projects

By Robert Fisher

One of IOS's primary objectives is "to promote scientific research and education in order to improve knowledge and awareness of birds in Illinois."

This year, 2008, IOS, with the support of the DuPage Birding Club and a group of private donors, has awarded five research grants, each at $500.

Mark Alessi of the University of Illinois in Champaign, in cooperation with the Illinois Natural History Survey, is studying the reproductive strategies of **Yellow-breasted Chats** (*Icteria veerns*), including how they behave after a nest loss, what cues they may use in deciding where to renest, and how much habitat they need during the breeding season. This research includes fitting up to 15 male and female chats with a harness-style radio transmitter (weighing less than 1.2 grams). The study location is Kennekuk County Park, in Vermilion County near Danville.

Mark Alessi, shown holding a Yellow-breasted Chat (with antenna extending beyond the tail), is studying habit requirements of this species.

To follow the tagged birds during the season, two 20-meter towers containing the automatic recording units (ARUs) are being built to allow line of sight tracking of the tagged chats.

Little is known about the breeding strategies of chats: This research will be used to provide information to land managers on how to better accommodate this declining species. Because shrublands are historically ephemeral, chats may not see habitat isolation in the same perspective as, for example, woodland birds. Crossing inhospitable habitat (roads, streams, woodlands) may not be as costly for birds using shrubland habitat.

Dr. Richard Essner and Dr. Peter Minchin of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville are developing a multivariate habitat model for the **Cerulean Warbler** (*Dendroica cerulea*), along with other neotropical migrant songbirds in Southwestern Illinois.

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Forested bluffs in southwestern Illinois attract large numbers of migrating songbirds due to their location near the confluence of the Mississippi, Missouri, and Illinois Rivers. Agricultural use (and more recent urbanization) dramatically fragmented and reduced these once extensive forests, but they still support a diverse avifauna, including the Cerulean Warbler, which will be placed on the state-threatened list this year, and which in the late 1800s was the most abundant warbler in Illinois. Ceruleans are the most rapidly declining warbler species in the United States. Despite this decline, Illinois holds four sites ranked in the top 20 for cerulean abundance in the United States.

The study will census bluff forest avifauna to generate baseline data for use in future sampling programs aimed at monitoring long term population trends. It will generate a predictive model, which uses vegetation data to identify suitable habitat for Ceruleans and other target species. This model will inform future land-use decisions and assist conservation efforts in southwestern Illinois. IOS grant funds will purchase a rangefinder for fixed-distance point count surveys.

Benjamin O'Neal, works with a team of volunteer technicians to study habitat requirements for migratory American Golden-Plovers.

Benjamin J. O'Neal of the University of Illinois is carrying out the second year of a research program aimed at studying **American Golden-Plovers** (*Pluvialis dominica*), to determine habitat preferences of this species during migration through our state. Illinois supports a substantial portion of the hemispheric population: Tens of thousands of American Golden-Plovers pass through east-central Illinois during their flight from their wintering to breeding grounds.

Volunteer student technicians from the University of Illinois chapter of The Wildlife Society conducted concurrent roadside surveys at the peak of migration during spring 2008, the second year of the planned 3-year study (2007-2009). In addition to abundance estimates, the project documents and analyzes the characteristics of habitat used by plovers (crop type, tillage practice, relative moisture, and landscape position). The findings will support future conservation efforts for this species by documenting population numbers and by identifying priority locations that reliably host large numbers of American Golden-Plovers. Identifying habitat associations will yield recommendations applicable to intense row-crop agriculture and the growing presence of wind farms.

The first year of this project increased knowledge of plover abundance and habitat selection during spring migration. Surveying this mobile and widespread species proved to require intense sampling efforts, both spatially and temporally.

Adam Philips is studying the effects of non-native Mute Swans on Illinois' native water birds.

Adam Phillips of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale is studying the impact of **exotic Mute Swans** (*Cygnus olor*) on natural wetlands, focusing on the swans' destructive feeding habits and aggressive behavior. Study areas include Banner Marsh and Spring Lake.

More than 85 percent of historic wetland habitat within Illinois has been lost. Further impacting the remaining habitat available to native waterbird species has been the introduction of exotic species like the Mute Swan), which has been a part of Illinois' avifauna since at least 1971. Past research indicates these swans have the ability (from their feeding habits) to further reduce Illinois wetlands' ability to support native waterbirds. They eat large amounts of submerged aquatic vegetation, which may in turn increase invasion rates of less desirable exotic vegetation species like Eurasian watermilfoil. This very aggressive species may also exclude native waterbirds from quality foraging and breeding habitats.

The study's goals are to determine the swans' impact on native submerged aquatic vegetation communities and water quality, and to determine whether the presence of swans influenees the distribution of both migrating and breeding native waterbirds.

Stephanie Plautz is studying toxicity of lead shot in Mourning Doves.

Stephanie Plautz of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale is studying whether the lead shot ingestion rate by **Mourning Doves** is related to the density of shot on the ground. The study will provide evidence (pro or con) relating to the acute toxicosis hypothesis for this species – whether previous research showing ingestion of from 1% to 6.5% lead shot by doves collected in the field is correct, or whether this range underestimates actual ingestion rates because of rapid mortality of the doves after they ingest the lead shot.

This determination will provide important information in the debate over banning lead shot in Mourning Dove hunting. Two-hundred-fifty doves will be captured using Kniffin traps, then housed on the wildlife lab property at the SIU Carbondale campus during the course of the experimental program. The grant money provided by IOS will be used to construct 10 cages for the doves, each cage to house 25 doves for the duration of the study. Blood chemistry, X-ray examination, and other techniques are to be used to monitor lead concentration in dove tissue, blood and organ samples.

Editor's Note: All of the grant recipients will prepare a summary article for *Meadowlark* when their respective projects are completed. Eleven grant requests were received this year. All were worthwhile and the selection of the five finally chosen was difficult. Thanks to Steve Bailey and Jeff Walk for their work analyzing the requests and for their recommendations.

Funding donors and request for more monies

Funds for these grants are raised from IOS activities such as the Gull Frolic, Big Day pledges, and the Silent Auction. This year, for the first time, IOS was able to partner with the DuPage Birding Club and several individuals (who funded the Alessi grant in memory of Jerry Kumery) to increase the amount of funds available for grants.

The IOS Board would like to raise additional sums to fund more requests in the years to come, and hopes that both individuals and other birding and bird conservation groups around Illinois will support this effort as the DuPage Birding Club did in 2008. To this end, the Board has established an IOS Grant Fund Donation Program to accept contributions during the year to add to the funding provided by other IOS activities.

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Yard Birds

Reflections on backyard birding throughout Illinois

by Robert Fisher

Rarities at the feeders:

Have you checked your feeder today for that unanticipated vagrant species? Or that out-of season stray? Stranger things have happened!

A Hoary Redpoll visited a thistle sac in Skokie, Cook County in late February 2000. Eric Walters took this photo of a Hoary, at right, with a Common Redpoll, left, in Skokie 20 February 2000.

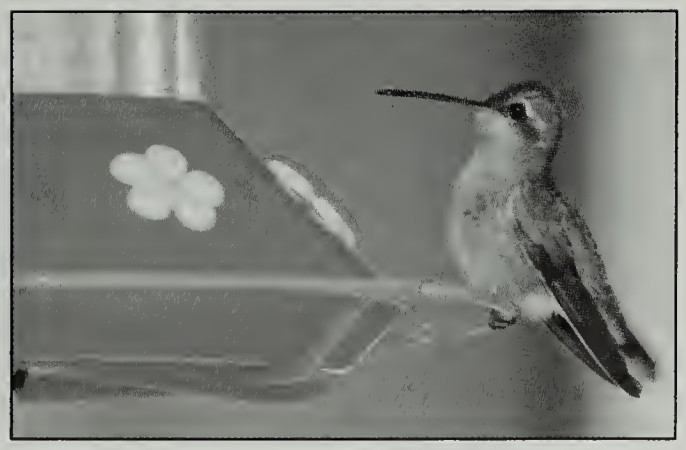
Many of us who feed the birds watch and hope for the unexpected: arrival of an unusual bird species, either way out of sync – a summer breeder that should be hundreds if not thousands of miles to the south when it appears at our feeder in January – or way out of place – like a Southwestern sparrow species busily scratching for seeds in the snow right under a platform feeder in late fall or winter.

Sometimes we have very specific target birds in mind. We may maintain nectar feeders well into November or December hoping to attract one of the western hummingbird species that fly slightly off track while heading south. It doesn't have to be a mega-rarity to generate excitement, just some species we've never, or very rarely, spotted in our yard. We faithfully put out seed, suet, fruit, nuts, mealworms or nectar anticipating the thrill of looking out one morning and discovering a really good bird at one of our feeders.

Occasionally we're rewarded. The yard list my wife, Karen, and I maintain has several species which have only appeared once or twice, like the Hooded Merganser female who in January 2002 trooped up to one of our feeders from the creek (in the midst of the hoard of Mallards who come to feed on the cracked corn we spread on the ground). She stood there, looking bemused, as if to say "OK, where's the fish?" I also remember a bedraggled, forlorn-looking Northern Mockingbird who busily foraged for seed one frigid February day several winters ago. Karen was out grocery shopping and missed the Mocker. But she was here and I was gone on a day in early May almost 20 years ago when a gorgeous male Yellow-headed Blackbird showed up for a few hours.

There's disappointment too, as we sadly contemplate the decline, then disappearance of one of our favorite birds – Evening Grosbeak – from our late fall feeders. Checking our records, the last Evening Grosbeak here in our yard was on 11 November 1999. Karen and I remember that day very well because a number of Chicago area birders joined us to see it.

In the pantheon of Illinois rare birds, Harris's Sparrow is not at the top of the list (they show up somewhere in the state just about every year). That didn't stop us from being ecstatic when one hung around our feeders for a month in the spring of 1991. It's the rarest bird on our yard list. But a Harris's is small potatoes as a rarity when you compare it with some of the other feeder birds which have made an appearance around the state. Checking the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee's (IORC) archive, I found an impressive list of mega-rarities that graced someone's yard and feeders in the recent past.



A juvenile male Scott's Oriole visited a suet feeder at Toulon, Stark County, in middle Janaury 2000 and remained through part of February. Photo by Pam Sprout.

A Broad-billed Hummingbird, one of the most unexpected rarities to be found in Illinois, appeared at a feeder in Trivoli, Peoria County, 14 November 1997. Photo by Dennis Oelmke.

Great Tit at a feeder in McHenry County. Darlene Fiske took this photo of an escapee in May 2003.

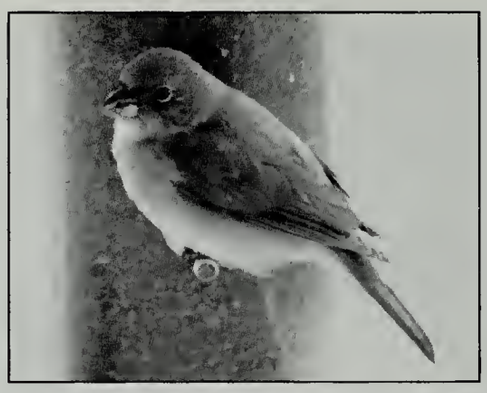
Given the abundance of Mourning Doves as feeder birds, perhaps we shouldn't be too surprised when one of their rarer cousins put in an appearance. Illinois' one and only record of Band-tailed Pigeon was at a feeder in Springfield for a month in winter 1996/97 and the state's first and only Inca Dove used a backyard feeder in Carbondale for three months in late 2004 (last seen on Christmas Day). These two records give us incentive to check out our backyard doves carefully.

Like pigeons and doves, finches, sparrows and buntings comprise another group of bird species whose penchant for using feeders produced several spectacular state rarities, like the Black-throated Sparrow which used a feeder in Glencoe in suburban Cook County for two months in early 1981; a Golden-crowned Sparrow who wintered for two consecutive years (February/ March 1989 then December 1989 through April 1990), using a feeder at the entrance to the Green River Conservation Area; a Hoary Redpoll at a Skokie feeder in 2000; the Lazuli Bunting at a feeder in Winchester in Scott County in June of 2002; the Painted Bunting at a feeder in Gurnee, Lake County in April 2000; and a Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch appearing for several days in a yard in University Park in Will County in November 1990. Who said feeder watching is dull! Hummingbirds, woodpeckers (the one and only Williamson's Sapsucker ever to appear in Illinois was present for several days in a Chicago backyard in April of 1985),

This Band-tailed Pigeon was discovered at a bird-feeding station in Springfield, Sangamon County. Photo taken 28 December 1996 by Dennis Oehmke.

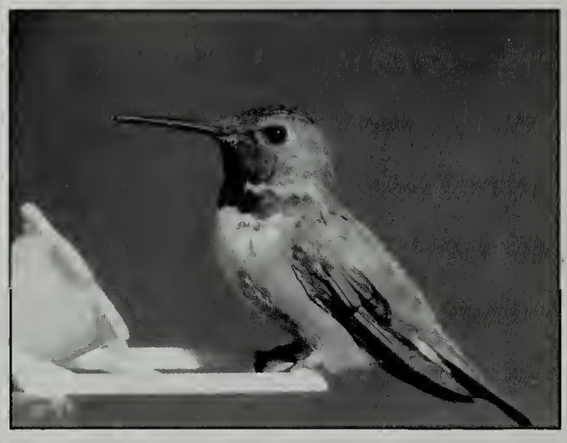
tanagers and orioles (the state's first Scott's Oriole spent three weeks at a feeder in Stark County in January and February 2000) represent other sources of rarities you may find while feeder watching – if you're really lucky. For the past decade or so, the Rufous Hummingbird, still a real rarity in Illinois, has been reported nearly every year at feeders in fall, and the most unusual discovery of a Broad-billed Hummingbird was photographed at a feeder in Trivoli, Peoria County, in November 1997.

Rarities like these are not your only potential eye-openers. Exotic, aka non-countable, birds can also liven up a feeder-watching day. Doug Stotz, the IORC Secretary, loves to relate the story of the Senegal Parrot who appeared in his backyard a few winters ago. Or remember that pair of Great Tits at a feeder in Harvard (McHenry County) in May 2003. Surely escapees, but nonetheless quite a sight! Our own yard list footnotes a few non-countable species, like a Chukar, Budgies, Cockatiels, a couple of unidentified parrots, and European Goldfinches (twice). But our best exotic was a bird we couldn't even identify at first – a sparrow-sized, ground-feeding bird with a fairly hefty bill, all tan underneath, with two really bold white wing-bars and a hint of gray on the top of its head. The bird was quite shy, but we got a couple of poor pictures, pored over various field guides and finally made the identification – a Common Chaffinch. Not very common to us!



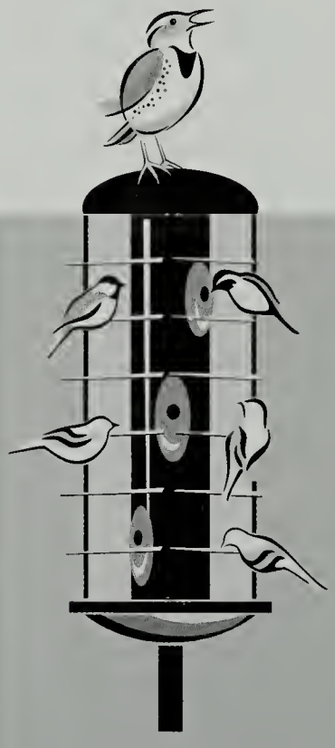
A female Painted Bunting visited a feeder in Gurnee, Lake County, 21 April 2000. Photo by Richard Biss.

Rufous Hummingbirds make appearances nearly every year at backyard feeders in Illinois. This one was photographed by Dennis Oehmke 19 November 1998 in Springfield, Sangamon County.



Given the widespread popularity of casual backyard bird feeding, there's a multitude of feeder watchers out there who may lack a comprehensive capacity to identify the expected (or unexpected) birds at their feeders. It makes you wonder what other first-of-state species has been missed because a casual feeder watcher didn't realize what was at their sunflower seeds, or their nectar feeder. Or maybe they did identify the bird, but just weren't aware it was unusual. Some of our neighbors also feed the birds; I plan to ask them to call me when a bird they can't identify shows up. You never know...

Think I'll stop writing and go check the brushy fence line behind our creek, separating our yard and feeders from our neighbors. Who knows, there may be a state first Plain Chachalaca lurking there. Heck, I'd be satisfied with a yard first Spotted Towhee!



Artwork by Jenny Vogt.

Yard Birds

I'd welcome your feedback on this column, as it may become a regular feature in the Meadowlark. I'd especially like your yard and feeder bird stories and observations, which we can build into future columns. The editor and I both hope we can make this column a place where IOS members who enjoy backyard birding can share their experiences. Send me your observations, interesting visitors and the like. That's why the column subtitle is: Reflections on backyard birding throughout Illinois.

You can reach me at: bfisher928@aol.com or by phone at 630-985-2956. Tell me your story and I'll write it down. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Field Notes

The 2007 breeding season

by Steven D. Bailey

Drawing of Prairie Warbler by Michael Retter.

With this 2007 Breeding Season Report, Vernon Kleen ends his long run of editorship of the summer breeding season reports for Meadowlark, which began with Vol. 1, No. 1. Vern began the process of well-organized and edited reports for all four seasons of the year in 1974, when he and the Illinois Department of Conservation first made available to the birding public mimeographed, paper reports, mainly to those who supplied their valuable sightings. These later continued in the seven-year run of Illinois Birds and Birding, an Illinois Audubon Society publication. Vern was also the editor for all four seasonal reports for much of this time. Afterward he continued as the breeding season editor for The Illinois Ornithological Society's Meadowlark. With Vern's help, not a single season was missed during the transitions between the various publishers of these reports! Vern's more than 35 years of leadership and participation in this important process of documenting Illinois's rich ornithological history will surely be missed.

I will not change much in the way in which the breeding season report will be imparted. However, I will likely be using observers sightings to document how several species ranges are gradually (a few quickly!) changing by using the "Others" section to include records from areas of the state not often reported from or included in the report in the past. For a few other species whose ranges do not include all of Illinois (or at least formerly did not), I will also list some records from near the edges of their ranges in Illinois.

Some species have somewhat subtle or unusual aspects to their breeding ranges in the state that would be interesting to tease out or discover, although several fall within relatively little-birded parts of the state. Species like Northern Parula have small areas of the state (mainly in northeastern Illinois) where they do not breed. Possibly a not well-known distribution anomaly involves the southernmost area of the common House Wren's state distribution. This species is very rare or non-existent in far southern Illinois, except for within towns and within major river valleys. Where does this unusual distribution end in southern Illinois? The range of this speeies' in Illinois has increased markedly southward. Other northern Illinois breeding species increasing their range farther southward might include Veery, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Savanna and Vesper Sparrows, and Bobolink (?). Illinois is also seeing increased breeding records of Red-breasted Nuthatch, Clay-colored Sparrow, and Pine Siskin farther south than historically reported.

Also of interest would be records of previously more southerly species beginning to breed farther north. This would include such disparate species including Fish Crow, Northern Mockingbird, Summer Tanager, Blue Grosbeak, Orchard Oriole, Yellow-throated Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Great-tailed Grackle, and Eurasian Tree Sparrow.

Rarely reported species—which are possibly more common as breeders than records indicate—include Sharp-shinned and Broad-winged Hawks, Black Rail, Yellow Rail, Brown Creeper, Pine Warbler, and Black-and-white Warbler. This phenomenon may partly be due to their more secretive habits or the fact that they breed in areas that are not often birded. Species like the Brown Creeper are much more common and widely distributed than records often indicate.

A few species, many (but not all) already on the state-threatened or state-endangered list, are quickly disappearing from Illinois as breeding birds. Reports and comments on uncommon-to-rare species would be much appreciated to document their continued declines. Birds on this list include all summering/breeding terns, Snowy Egret, Little Blue Heron, Common Moorhen, all nightjars, Red-headed Woodpecker, Loggerhead Shrike, Cerulean Warbler, and Yellow-headed Blackbird. Many of these species could easily become extirpated (or nearly so) from Illinois within the next one to two decades. Even species such as both cuckoos, Wood Thrush, and Bobolink could soon become state-threatened or endangered in the near future, as populations become more and more localized.

For those who care to send in a few details about the nests that they may find, I will regularly include details about nest contents and/or locations, not only for the historical record but also hopefully for the interest of subscribers who find such details interesting. Although the breeding season may not produce sightings of great rarities, it is arguably the most important season for the regular breeding species, and their nesting activities can often be quite interesting.

Occasionally I will also include both June and July maximum counts so as to impart the highest totals of both adult pairs and family groups or flocks, especially in those groups which regularly wander in mid to late summer (i.e. herons,

etc.) and those that gather in flocks after breeding (i.e. ducks, blackbirds, etc.). I also encourage everyone to give as precise locations as they can when reporting their sightings, to include the names of townships (if known), in place of just the county name, especially for rural locations.

The 2007 summer season weather

The 2007 spring season looked to be a lead-in to the continued very warm temperatures of most summer seasons of late, which have led to the drought conditions over many parts of Illinois in recent years, with temperatures 4-5 degrees above average from March through May, the fifth warmest such period since 1895. Precipitation amounts were lower than normal for the spring period for much of the state. However, both temperature and precipitation in June in Illinois were only slightly above average. In July, temperatures were actually slightly below average statewide, with near average precipitation. The July precipitation was much more variable however, depending on different parts of the state, with the west-southwest portion of the state receiving just less than half the average amount of rain than normal for that month, while northwestern Illinois received almost 5 inches more precipitation than the previous area, or about 175% of the normal average. This variability left some areas of the state still remaining in drought conditions. Severe weather was only reported on eight dates in June and six dates in July in the state.

The 2007 summer season highlights

In the rare vagrant category, a Neotropic Cormorant was found in southern Illinois and remained for at least a month for many to see. However, that species pales in comparison to the two species found in northeastern Illinois. A potential first state record Brown-chested Martin and a second state record Fork-tailed Flycatcher caused great excitement for the single observers that viewed them. Both are pending review from the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC).

Two new species nested in Illinois for the first time in 2007—Bufflehead in McHenry County and Laughing Gull in Chicago (Cook County). There is some thought that the female Bufflehead may have been injured slightly, so as to prevent continued migration to its normal breeding grounds, but after already being inseminated by a male, with the female remaining in Illinois to nest and raise her young. After having one or more Laughing Gulls returning to the same Chicago-area locations for the last few summers, including a hybrid Laughing X Ring-billed Gull last year, it was just a matter of time before one was confirmed breeding there.

Many American White Pelicans nested less than a quarter mile from the Illinois border in Iowa on an island in the Mississippi River, and numbers of this species continue to increase during the summer at and along several major Illinois lakes and rivers, especially in the western half of the state.

A plethora of duck species was found this summer, including such summer rarities (and non-breeders) as Greater Scaup, Surf Scoter, Common Goldeneye, and Common Merganser, while Common Loons at three locations included one long-staying bird in alternate plumage. Other non-breeding birds to appear this summer included several subadult Mississippi Kites, which over-migrated into areas outside of their normal breeding range. In one case, three birds readily fed on the 17-year cicadas, which occurred mostly in northern Illinois during spring and summer 2007. Two American Golden-Plovers possibly summered in central and northern Illinois.

A late July Merlin sighting was one of several species to make summer appearances in the state, arriving exceptionally early (from the north?), apparently as very early fall migrants. The appearance of two Hermit Thrushes in late July was virtually unprecedented; they arrived several weeks earlier than any previous Illinois fall report. While Red-breasted Nuthatches did breed in two locations in northeastern Illinois this summer, several other nuthatches began appearing in early July and continued through early August, representing an abnormally early movement of this species southward from its normal breeding range. White-throated Sparrows were found singing at several locations in the middle of summer, as far south as Knox County. A singing White-crowned Sparrow was seen by many along the Chicago lakefront, this one present for at least a month, making it six out of the past seven years that at least one of this species has shown up along the Chicago lakefront in mid-summer. One wonders if the White-crowned Sparrow will soon attempt nesting like White-throated Sparrows have done in Chicago in recent years. Yet another boreal forest species, a junco, was seen in early June, apparently a late spring migrant.

Some of the highlights (and disappointments) involving breeding species include an unprecedented number of American Bitterns heard and seen in northeastern Illinois, including some in unexpected areas like the one in central Illinois in July! "Southern" herons were somewhat scarce, at least partially due to the continued demise of one of their most important breeding rookeries. Cattle Egrets were almost non-existent. New Bald Eagle nests continue to appear throughout the state, and after their first nesting occurrence just a few years ago, Osprey were found nesting in several areas of the state this summer.

Increased numbers of Yellow-billed Cuckoos in northern Illinois, especially in the Greater Chicago area were thought to be the result of the 17-year periodical cicada emergence in northern Illinois. Good numbers of summering Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers were noted by several observers in the northwest corner of Illinois along the Mississippi River, including a rarely found nest. Several Alder and Least Flycatchers were noted including one definite nesting of the latter species. Cliff Swallows continue to become increasingly common throughout the state as a breeding species, returning to many areas of the state where they have not bred in many years. Bewick's Wren was found at the traditional Siloam Springs State Park breeding area after going unrecorded there the previous three summers. Sedge Wrens were more numerous and statewide in distribution as a breeding species in early June, as opposed to their more usual abundance and arrival in early July. A nesting Marsh Wren in one southern Illinois location was locally very rare. Fifty-five Veeries was a record

high count for the species during the breeding season. One Swainson's Warbler was found after going unreported last summer, while Mourning and Blackburnian Warblers continue to hold territories at Lowden-Miller State Forest, but without confirmation of a nest. Interestingly, the highest counts of Prairie Warblers came from a central Illinois study, with only singles and pairs reported from southern Illinois locales.

Painted Buntings continue to appear at their lone Illinois breeding location, while Blue Grosbeaks are quickly becoming a relatively common species in central and even parts of northern Illinois in the summer. High numbers of Brewer's Blackbirds on a McHenry County sod farm certainly imply a good-sized breeding colony, likely in the several nearby pastures and hayfields, supplanting Illinois Beach State Park as the best place in Illinois to see this species during the breeding season.

Like the other unusual July appearances of boreal species including Hermit Thrush, Red-breasted Nuthatch, and White-throated Sparrow, the appearance of several Purple Finches in late July and on into the first few weeks of August represents a very unusual and possibly unprecedented occurrence for this and the other above species. Continued and seemingly increasing reports of European Goldfinches in the Chicago area at several locations, beg the question, when will breeding occur?

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As a printing aid the following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

AllertonPk = Allerton Park (Piatt Co)
AllertonPk_ = Allerton Park BBS (Piatt/Moultrie Cos)
AlmondM = Almond Marsh Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
Alorton = Alorton (St. Clair Co)
ArcolaM = Arcola Marsh (Douglas Co)
Athens_ = Athens BBS (Menard Co)
Atkinson_ = Atkinson BBS (Henry Co)
Baldwin L = Baldwin Lake (St. Clair Co)
BannerMarsh = Banner Marsh (Fulton Co)
BeanRidge = Bean Ridge, Shawnee National Forest (Alexander Co)
Beaucoup_ = Beaucoup BBS (Washington/Clinton Cos)
BeaverDam_ = Beaverdam Lake BBS (Pope Co)
Belknap_ = Belknap BBS (Johnson Co)
BigBend = Big Bend State Fish & Wildlife Area (Whiteside Co)
BurnidgeFP = Burnidge Forest Preserve (Kane Co)
BurntPrairie_ = Burnt Prairie BBS (White Co)
BuseyWds = Busey Woods, Urbana (Champaign Co)
BusseWds = Busse Woods Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
CampPoint_ = Camp Point BBS (Adams Co)
CaneyCr = Caney Creek, Shawnee National Forest (Jackson Co)
CarlL-B/C/F = Carlyle Lake (Bond, Clinton, Fayette Cos)
CaveVal = Cave Valley, Shawnee National Forest (Jackson Co)
CBG = Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co)
Champaign = Champaign (Champaign Co)
Chau = Lake Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)
Chi = Chicago--excl. Jackson Park & Lake Calumet (Cook Co)
ChinBluffs = Chinquapin Bluffs Nature Preserve (Woodford Co)
COLSP = Chain of Lakes State Park (Lake Co)
Columbia_ = Columbia BBS (Monroe/St. Clair Cos)
CONWR = Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co)
CypressCrk = Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge (Pulaski Co)
Deer Grove = Deer Grove Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
Dudleyville_ = Dudleyville BBS (Bond Co)
DPCA = Des Plaines Conservation Area (Will Co)
ECapeGir = East Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co)
EForkL = East Fork Lake, Olney (Richland Co)
Emiquon = Emiquon Preserve (Fulton Co)
ESTL = E. St. Louis (St Clair Co)
Fairbury_ = Fairbury BBS (Livingston/Ford Cos)
Fermi = Fermilab (Du Page Co)
FGP = Forest Glen Preserve (Vermilion Co)
Flora_ = Flora BBS (Clay Co)
FoxRidge = Fox Ridge State Park (Coles Co)
GardenPrSl = Garden Prairie Slough (Boone Co)
GlacialPk = Glacial Park Forest Preserve (McHenry Co)
GLNTC = Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co)
GLPSP = Goose Lake Prairie State Park (Grundy Co)
GreeneValFP = Greene Valley Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
Harristown_ = Harristown BBS (Macon/Logan Cos)
HCP = Hennepin Canal Parkway (Bureau Co)
HennepinL = Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam Co)
HerrickL = Herrick Lake Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
HL = Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)
HLCA = Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area (Alexander Co)
HomerL = Homer Lake Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
IBSP = Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
Jamestown_ = Jamestown BBS (Clinton/Madison Cos)
JP = Jackson Park and vicinity, Chicago (Cook Co)
JPPSP = James "Pate" Phillip State Park (Cook, DuPage, Kane Cos)
Kankakee = Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
KCP = Kennekuk Cove County Park (Vermilion Co)
Kell_ = Kell BBS (Marion Co)
KSP = Kickapoo State Park (Vermilion Co)
LCal = Lake Calumet (Cook Co)
LDecatur = Lake Decatur (Macon Co)
LDDP = Lake Decatur dredge ponds (Macon Co)
LSummerset_ = Lake Summerset BBS (Stephenson Co)
LtlBlkSl = Little Black Slough State Natural Area (Johnson Co)
LostMound = Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co) (formerly Savanna Army Depot)
LowdMil = Lowden-Miller State Forest (Ogle Co)
LRen = Lake Renwick (Will Co)
LShel = Lake Shelbyville (Moultrie/Shelby Cos)
L&D 13 = Lock & Dam 13, Mississippi River (Whiteside Co)
LWds = Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
Mackinaw = Mackinaw State Fish & Wildlife Area (Tazewell Co)
Martinsville_ = Martinsville BBS (Clark/Crawford Cos)
MArb = Morton Arboretum (DuPage Co)
MBC = Mackinaw Bluffs Corridor (Woodford Co)
McGinnisSl = McGinnis Slough (s.w. Cook Co)
McKeeM = McKee Marsh, Blackwell Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
MeadbrkPk = Meadowbrook Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)
MermetL = Mermet Lake Conservation Area (Massac Co)
MFS&WA = Middle Fork State Fish & Wildlife Area (Vermilion Co)
Midewin = Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co)
MidSav = Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
MidFork = Middle Fork River Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
Milford_ = Milford BBS (Iroquois/Vermilion Cos)
MissPalis = Mississippi Palisades State Park (Carroll Co)
MomenceWet = Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co)
MontroseH = Montrose Harbor, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
MoraineHills = Moraine Hills State Park (McHenry Co)
NachusaGr = Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co)
NelsonL = Nelson Lake Marsh (Kane Co)
NoP = North Pond, Lincoln Park, Chi (Cook Co)
NPM = North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)
Old School FP = Old School Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
Olney_ = Olney BBS (Richland/Wayne Cos)
OrlandGr = Orland Grassland Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
Palos = Palos area (s.w. Cook Co)
PaulDouglas = Paul Douglas Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
PembrokeTwp = Pembroke Township (Kankakee Co)
PereMar = Pere Marquette State Park (Jersey Co)
PineHills = Pine Hills/LaRue Ecological Area (Union Co)
Pomona = Pomona (Jackson Co)
Pontiac_ = Pontiac BBS (Livingston Co)
Pratt'sWW = Pratt's Wayne Woods Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
PrRdg-J = Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
PrRdg-M = Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Marion Co)
Pulaski_ = Pulaski BBS (Pulaski/Alexander Cos)
RedHills = Red Hills State Park (Lawrence Co)
RedwingSl = Redwing Slough State Natural Area (Lake Co)
RendL = Rend Lake (Jefferson Co)
RiverBend = River Bend Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
RockCut = Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
Rockford = Rockford (Winnebago Co)
RollinsSav = Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Lake Co)

Snow Goose

NBSO: Chau (white form; capable of flight), **1 Jun – 21 Jul** (RGB, SNB).

Canada Goose

Breeding: NoP (several broods), season (GAW); JP (first broods, 2 @ & 3 yg), 29 Apr (PRC, KMC); RiceL SF&WA (nest on old chimney remains), 1 Apr (JW); Champaign (pr w/12 fledglings), 26 Apr (BC, et al.). **MC**: 300, TwoRivers, 17 Jul (DMK); 184, Chau, 6 Jul (RGB, SNB); 95, JP, 11 Jul (PRC); 93, Madison, 6 Jun (DMK); 80, RendL, 31 Jul (DMK); 70, MermetL, 10 & 24 Jun (DMK, KAM).

Mute Swan

Breeding: RedwingSl (3 nests), 8 May (EWW); LCal (pr w/6 chicks & later 2 juv), 24 May & 2 Jul (JRS, RLS resp); RollinsSav (pr w/4 yg), 20 Jun & 3 Jul (JSS, SLD resp); Wheaton (DuPage Co) (2 ad w/5 yg), 7 Jul (EG); LCal (WolfL) (pr w/3 yg), 21 May (WJM); LCal (Big Marsh) (pr w/3 yg), 9 Jun (WJM); LCal (Deadstick Pond) (pr w/2 yg), 9 Jun (WJM); PowderhornL FP (Cook Co) (pr w/2 yg), 30 Jun (WJM); DPCA (ad on nest), 18 Mar (UWG); Aroma Park (Kankakee Co) (3 birds, one on a nest), 5 Apr (JHH); BannerMarsh (6 on nests), 14 Apr (JOS). **MC**: 55, SpringL (Tazewell Co), 24 Jun (DFS); 7, LCal, 28 Jul (UWG); 5, MontroseH, 16 Jun (LMu). **Others**: MoraineHills (pr), 11 Jun (SDB); GLNTC, 25 Jun (DRD); JPPSP, 29 Jun (CM); Springbrook Pra FP (DuPage Co) (4 ad), 10 Jun (JSu); Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 28 Jun (SDB); HL (1-2), 9 Jun - 21 Jul (DMK, FRH, KAM).

Trumpeter Swan

Breeding: Savanna (Carroll Co) (ad. on nest 20 May; w/ 4 yg 9 Jun; same neck banded pr as last year), May/July (UWG, SDB, VMK m.ob.). **Others**: McGinnisSl (pr), 17 Jun (JSa); Victoria Twp (Knox Co) (present since early May), 24 Jun, 21 & 30 Jul (PR, JM, m.ob.:ph).

Wood Duck

Breeding: Savanna (Carroll Co) (hen w/8 yg), 14 & 15 Jun (SDB); RollinsSav (hen w/2 grown yg), 7 Jul (SLD); Timber Ridge FP (DuPage Co) (hen w/5 yg), 13 Jul (MBe); JPPSP (15 ad, 54 juv, 7 chicks), 27 Jun (PM); NoP (several broods), season (GAW); Chi (Columbus Pk) (hen with 11 yg), 17 Jun (EG); Techny Basin CA (Cook Co) (3 ad w/16 yg), 17 Jun (SG); Spring Valley Pk (Schaumburg, Cook Co), 27 May (PP); JP (2 broods of 8 & 5 yg [at least 1 week old]), 9 Jun & 11 Jul (KMC, PRC resp); Kankakee (hen w/16 juv), 9 Jun (JHH); Hancock Twp (Hancock Co) (hens w/2 broods of 3 & 6 yg), 27 Jun (SDB); Chau (16 broods incl 96 yg), May/Jul (RGB, SNB); Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (2 broods of 9 & 15 yg), 20 & 26 Jun (AGD); LDDP (21 ad & 25 yg), 24 Jun (TAM); Allerton Pk (Piatt Co) (hen w/15 yg), 6 May (LN, TR); LWds (3 broods), 30 Jun (BC, et al.); MidFork (2 broods), 2 Aug (BC, et al.). **MC**: 258, Chau, 22 Jun (RGB, SNB); 250 & 116, McGinnisSl, Jul & 13 Jun (WS, DFS resp); 120, SpringL (Carroll Co), 14 Jun (SDB); 120, CarlL-F, 27 Jul (DMK); 80, MermetL, 10 Jun (DMK); 76, Danada FP (DuPage Co), see above; 45, LDDP (see above); 44, Kankakee, 9 Jun (JHH); 40, TwoRivers (GilbertL), 21 Jul (DMK); 32, CarlL-F, 29 Jul (KAM); 25, HL, 15 Jul (KAM).

Printing aid abbreviations, continued

Royalton_	= Royalton BBS (Franklin/Perry/Jackson Cos)
St. Morgan_	= St. Morgan BBS (Madison Co)
SandPr	= Sand Prairie State Natural Area (Mason Co)
Sauget	= Sauget Marsh (St. Clair Co)
Sheffield_	= Sheffield BBS (Bureau Co)
SiloamSpr	= Siloam Springs State Park (Adams Co)
SouthFm	= University of Illinois's South Farms (Champaign Co)
SouthRip	= South Ripple Hollow, Shawnee National Forest (Alexander Co)
Spfld	= Springfield (Sangamon Co)
SSCC	= South Shore Cultural Center, Chicago (Cook Co)
Stillwell_	= Stillwell BBS (Hancock Co)
SwallowCliff	= Swallow Cliff Woods Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
TOT	= Trail of Tears SF (Union Co)
TwoRivers	= Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge (Calhoun Co)
UCCA	= Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
UMRNWR	= Upper Mississippi River NWR (Carroll & Jo Daviess Cos)
Urbana	= Urbana (Champaign Co)
WaterfallGlen	= Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve (Du Page Co)
Wauk	= Waukegan (Lake Co)
Waynesville_	= Waynesville BBS (McLean Co)
Yorkville_	= Yorkville BBS (Kendall/Will Cos)

ad(s)	= adult(s)	Apt	= Airport	PHA	= Pheasant Habitat Area
subad(s)	= subadult(s)	BBS	= USGS Breeding Bird Survey Route	Pk	= Park
imm	= immature			Pra	= Prairie
incl	= including	CA	= Conservation Area	Pr	= Preserve
ind(s)	= individual(s)	Cem	= Cemetery	R	= River
juv(s)	= juvenile(s)	Co(s)	= County(ies)	SF	= State Forest
yg	= young	CP	= County Park	SFWA	= State Fish & Wildlife Area
pr(s)	= pair(s)	Crk	= Creek	SNA	= State Natural Area
cop	= copulating	FP	= Forest Preserve	So.	= South
*	= documented record	FS	= Field Station	SP	= State Park
**	= specimen record	H	= Harbor	SRA	= State Recreation Area
ph	= photo(s)	IOS	= Illinois Ornithological Society field trip	Twp	= Township
vid	= video			WMA	= Wildlife Management Area
lg	= large	L	= Lake	Wds	= Woods
alt	= alternate (breeding)	NA	= Natural Area		
plum	= plumage	NC	= Nature Center	EA	= Early Arrival(s)
est	= estimate(d)	NF	= National Forest	LD	= Late Departure(s)
max	= maximum number or count	No.	= North	MC	= Maximum Count(s)
et. al	= and other(s)	NP	= Nature Preserve	NBSO	= Non-Breeding Summer Occurrence
m.ob.	= many observers	NWR	= National Wildlife Refuge		
resp	= respectively	OL	= Open Lands		

A number in parentheses ( ) indicates the number of birds observed at a particular location or on a particular date. No number signifies single birds. Place names given in italic type are counties. The sequence of records within species accounts, except for maximum counts, begin in northwest Illinois (Jo Daviess, Carroll and Whiteside counties), proeeed to the east, then continue back and forth across the state in a systematic pattern with the southernmost records at the end

Gadwall

Breeding: LDDP (pr w/8 newly hatched yg), 11-14 Jul (TAM). **MC**: 10 (ad), RollinsSav, 20 Jun (JSS), incl 3 pr, 1 Jun (SLD). **Other**: LCal (drake), 5 Jun (WJM).

American Wigeon

LDDP (drake), **24 Jun** (TAM).

Mallard

Breeding: RollinsSav (hen w/7 juv), 3 Jul (SDB); Arlington Heights (Cook Co) (hen on nest w/5 eggs in rose bush of residential yard), 27 Apr (JBr); NoP (several broods), season (GAW); Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co) (2 broods of 5 & 15 yg), 29 Apr (JCa); Woodridge (DuPage Co) (nest w/8 newly hatched yg in suburban backyard), 9 Jun (UWG); JP (first brood [4], 14 May), 14 May (PRC); JP (8 broods = 40 yg), May – Jul (last hatch 4 Jul) (PRC) – very high mortality of yg; LCal (hen w/6 yg), 2 Jul (RLS); Hancock Twp (Hancock Co) (pr w/10 yg), 27 Jun (SDB); LWds (2 broods), 30 Jun (BC, et al.); MidFork (2 broods), 2 Aug (BC, et al.); LDDP (169 ad, 75 yg), 24 Jun (TAM). **MC**: 244, LDDP (see above); 200, TwoRivers, 21 Jul (DMK); 176, Chau, 21 Jul (RGB, SNB); 102, Kankakee, 16 Jul (JHH); 80, CarlL-F, 27 Jul (DMK).

Blue-winged Teal

Breeding: Rockford (hen w/3 chicks), 1 Jul (DTW); RollinsSav (nest w/10 eggs), 13 May (JRS); RollinsSav (7 pr [incl hen w/4 yg 3 Jul] & "several broods"), 1 Jun – 7 Jul & 15 Jul (SLD, SDB & RDH resp); JPPSP (hen w/11 chicks), 25 Jun (PM); Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (brood of 4), 12 Jul (DJS); Fermi (ad w/yg), 24 Jun (JSu); Techny Basin CA (Cook Co) (2 ad w/7 yg), 25 Jun (SG); Mendota (LaSalle Co) (pr), 27 May (EWW); Hooper Branch Savanna NP (Iroquois Co) (hen w/2 chicks), 8 Jul (JB); Emiquon (2 broods), mid-Jun (MPW); LDDP (hen w/4 yg) Aug (TAM); Sauget (4 ad & 8 yg), 15 Jun (KAM). **MC**: 15 (ad), GreenR CA (Lee Co), 9 Jun (VMK et al.); 14 (7 drakes, 7 hens), LDDP, 24 Jun (but 3-5 there 7 Jul – 2 Aug) (TAM); 13 (ads & yg), Techny Basin CA (Cook Co), 6 Jul (SG); 5, Oneida (Knox Co), 18 Jul (JM). **Others**: AlmondM (3 ad, drake & 2 hens), 16 Jun (SDB); LCal (pr), 5 & 30 Jun & 6 Jul (WJM); Lockport Pra NP (Will Co), 22 Jul (REF); Hancock Twp (Hancock Co) (3), 27 Jun (SDB); HL (2), 9 Jun (DMK); CarlL-F, 27 Jul (DMK).

Northern Shoveler

Coal City sewage plant (Grundy Co) (2), 22 Jul (DFS).

Northern Pintail

TwoRivers (male), 21 Jul (DMK, KAM, lOS).

Green-winged Teal

GLNTC (2), 3 Jul (DRD); RollinsSav, 4 & 15 Jul (MFl & RDH resp); LDDP (3 – 2 drakes, hen), 7-11 Jul but one there 2 Aug (TAM).

Canvasback

L&D 12, UMRNWR (Jo Daviess Co) (drake), 14 Jul (DW, DLT); LDDP, 24 Jun (TAM).

Redhead

Fremont Twp (Lake Co) (drake), 13 Jun (SDB, MPW); HennepinL (7), 16 Jun (GAW).

Ring-necked Duck

TwoRivers (GilbertL) (drake & hen), 9 Jun (MT); GaskinL (Clay Co) (drake), 14 Jun (LH); LDDP (2), 24 Jun (TAM); LDDP (drake), 7 Jul – 5 Aug (TAM, MFD, DMK).

Lesser Scaup

L&D 12, UMRNWR (Jo Daviess Co) (pr; drake injured), 14 Jul (DW:ph, DLT); LDDP (2), 24 Jun – 5 Aug (TAM, MFD, DMK); EForkL (drake), 22 Jun (LH).

Greater Scaup

NBSO: GLNTC (drake; injured?), **31 May** (DRD).

Surf Scoter

NBSO: L&D 12, UMRNWR (Jo Daviess Co) (hen), **14 Jul** (DW:ph, DLT).

Bufflehead

BREEDING: Black-crown Marsh (McHenry Co) (hen w/2-3yg), early Jun – 15 Jun (BS). **1st Illinois breeding record! Other**: Braidwood (Will Co) (hen), 10 Jun (DFS).

Common Goldeneye

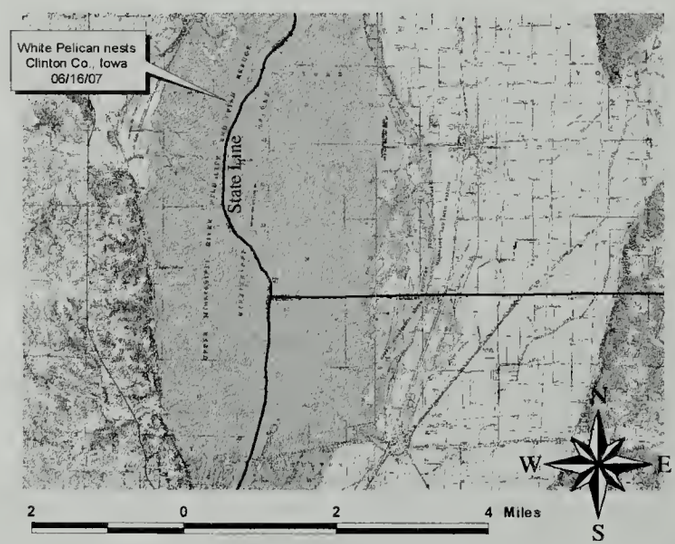
NBSO: Chi (hen; injured), **3 May-7 Jun** (SSp:ph).

Hooded Merganser

Breeding: MoraineHills (female w/8 yg), 30 Jun (MFl); ShabbonaL SP (DeKalb Co) (hen w/6 yg), 3 Jun (DJS); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (pr & 2 juv), 9 Jul (PM); Erie (Rock Island Co) (hen w/6 yg), 27 May (EWW); SpoonL (Knox Co) (hen w/4 full-grown yg), 20 Jun (JM); Coal City sewage plant (Grundy Co) (hen w/7 yg), 1 Jul (DFS, FMS); Emiquon (hen w/10 yg & hen w/3 yg), 24 Jun & 1 Jul (DFS, JM resp); Dickson Mounds (Fulton Co) (hen w/9 yg), 15 May (KR); Chau (6 hen w/28 yg), 22 Jun (RGB, SNB); Miller Shrub Swamp NP (Marion Co) (hen w/4 yg), 15 Jun (LH). **MC**: 34, Chau, see above; 12, TwoRivers (Gilbert L), 9 Jun (MT). **Others**: MoraineHills (2 hen/juv), 11 Jun (SDB); AlmondM (hen), 3 & 16 Jun (SDB); GLNTC (2), 13 Jul (fide DRD); Techny Basin CA (Cook Co) (hen), 27 Jul (SG); Chi (Columbus Pk) (juv), 17 Jun (EG); Chi (BurnhamH) (hen), 11 Jun & (imm), 14 Jun (DFS); NoP (imm), 18 Jul (GAW); Fermi (2), 15 Jul (JSu); Mendota (LaSalle Co) (hen), 27 May (EWW); GLPSP (2 & hen), 20 Jun & 1 Jul (GAW, JC resp); Middleport Twp (Iroquois Co)

American White Pelican nest site map by Randy Nyboer.

White Pelican (Pelecanus erythrorhynchos)
Iowa nesting site
June 2007



American White Pelican nestlings less than one mile west of the Illinois state line in the large Pool 13 in Clinton Co Iowa, about four miles due west of Thomson (Carroll Co), IL, north of L&D 13, on an island used mainly by a Double-crested Cormorant nesting colony. Eggs and 50-75 young pelicans were found on the island on 16 June 2007. Photo by Randy Nyboer.

Neotropoic Cormorant. Horseshoe Lake, Madison County. 29 June 2007. Photo by Johsua Uffman.

(juv), 20 Jun (PM); Quincy (Adams Co) (hen), 4 Jul (AGD); Emiquon (4), 1 Jul (JM); LDDP (2 hen-type), 24 Jun (TAM); HL, 10-17 Jun (FRH); Miller Shrub Swamp NP (Marion Co) (4), 16 Jun (RS, LH).

Common Merganser

Isle a la Cache Museum (Will Co) (drake in worn plumage), **2 Jul** (JP).

Ruddy Duck

MC: 10 (ad), RollinsSav, 20 Jun (JSS). **Others**: Mendota (LaSalle Co) (pr), 27 May (EWW); RiceL SF&WA (Fulton Co) (drake), 1 Jul (JM); Emiquon (3 pr), mid-Jun (MPW); LDDP (2 drakes 24 Jun, pr 7-14 Jul, 3 drakes, hen 18 Jul, 2 pr 2 Aug) (TAM); SwanL (Calhoun Co) (4), 21 Jul (KAM).

Ring-necked Pheasant

Breeding: LCal (brood of 8 yg) 8 Jul (WJM); Kankakee (hen on nest w/13 eggs), 7 May (JHH); LDDP (pr w/small yg), 10 Aug (TAM, SDB, DMK); Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (ads w/1 & 3 yg), 30 Jun (EWW); MeadbrkPk (7 fledglings), 7 Jun (BC, et al.). **MC**: 21, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB); 18, AllertonPk_, 25 Jun (BC); 12 (10 juv), Kankakee, 2 Jul (JHH); 8, GLPSP, 9 Jun (MW); 8, Pontiac_, 8 Jun (VMK); 8, Loda PHA (Iroquois Co), 30 May (SDB); 6 (territories), BigBend, 30 Jun (EWW); 6, Iroquois Co CA, 25 Jun (JHH). **Other**: Bates Fen NP (McHenry Co) (hen), 12 Jun (SDB); GreeneValFP (2), 9 Jun (JSm). **Southern edge of range**: Martinsville Twp (Clark Co) (cock), 29 Jun (SDB).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

Breeding: PrRdg-M (4 ad, 3 juv), 26 Jul (RS). **Other**: PrRdg-J (2 ad), 2 Jul (RS).

Wild Turkey

Breeding: MBC (hen w/8 yg), 28 Jul (MFr); MBC, hen w/4 yg, 8 Jun (MFr); MidFork (10 imm), 26 Jul (BC); Carl-C (pr w/5 yg), 23 Jun (DMK); MermetL (ad w/7 yg), 24 Jun (KAM). **M.C.**: 22, Omega Twp (Marion Co); 21 Jun (DMK); 18, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 16, MermetL, 31 Jul (DMK); 13, *Union*, 19 Jun (SDB); 10, Bluford (Jefferson Co), 27 Jun (DMK); 6, KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA). **Others**: LostMound (2), 15 Jun (SDB); Kankakee (2), 9 & 27 June (JHH); Rock Springs CA (Macon Co) (5), 20 Jun (TVL); *Perry* (3), 10 Jun (KAM).

Northern Bobwhite

Breeding: Quincy (Adams Co) (pr w/12 yg), 23 Jun (AGD). **MC**: 123, PrRdg-J, 12 Jun (JWW, et al.); 84, PrRdg-M, 13 Jun (JWW et al.); 67, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 47, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 35, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 34, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 34, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); 34, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 28, Atkinson_, 25 Jun (DFS); 27 (two coveys), PrRdg-M, 23 Jul (RS); 25, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 22, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 21, BurntPrairie_, 12 Jun (VMK); 20, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 19, Pembroke Twp, 2 Jun (RDH); 17, Stillwell_, 1 Jun (VMK); 17, CampPoint_, 31 May (VMK); 16, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK);16, RendL, 31 Jul (DMK); 13 (males), Hancock Twp (Hancock Co), 27 Jun (SDB); 13, Athens_, 30 Jun (VMK); 13, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 12, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 12 (males), Allendale (Wabash Co), 31 May (SDB, JWW); 11, Waynesville_, 25 Jun (VMK); 11 (males), so. *Massac*, 6 Jun (SDB). **Others**: BigBend (8 territories), 30 Jun (EWW); New Salem Twp (McDonough Co) (5 males), 26 Jun (SDB).

Common Loon

GLPSP (basic plum), 10 Jun (UWG, REF, m.ob.); Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co) (**alt plum**), 18 Jul – 4 Aug (RGB, SNB, SDB, m.ob.); CIPS slurry pond (Jasper Co) (basic plum), 4 Jun (LH).

Pied-billed Grebe

Breeding: RollinsSav, (pr w/6 yg), 20 Jun (JSS); JPPSP (3 pr each w/2 juv), 24 Jun (PM); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (pr & 2 juv), 9 Jul (PM); LCal (Burnham Pra) (ad w/4 yg), 27 May & 28 Jun (WJM, DRD resp); LCal (Deadstick Pond) (brood of 2 yg); 30 Jun (WJM); McGinnisSl (ad w/yg), 17 Jun & 3 broods w/2-5 yg, Jul (JSa, WS resp); LCal (ad w/4 juv), 28 Jun (DRD); Lockport Pra NP (Will Co) (ad w/2 yg), 1 Jul (GAW); Emiquon (8 pr w/broods of chicks & juv), 3 Aug (SDB); Chau (3 ad, 1 juv), 1 & 15 Jun (RGB, SNB); Spunky Bottoms Pr (Brown Co) (2 broods), mid-Jun (MPW); LDDP (32 ad, 36 yg), 2 Aug (TAM); HL, (250 incl many ads w/broods), 21 Jul (DMK); Grassy Slough Pr (Johnson Co) (2 yg), 23 Jun (KAM). **M.C.**: 250 & 25, HL, 21 Jul & 27 Jun (DMK, FRH resp); 68, LDDP (see above); 40, Emiquon, 3 Aug (SDB); 12, JPPSP (see above); 10 (5 pr), RollinsSav, 1 Jun – 7 Jul (SLD, SDB). **Others**: Sugar Grove Twp (Kane Co), 24 Jun (SAC); Rochelle (Ogle Co), 17 Jun (DJS); nw *Kendall*, 22 Jul (DJS); Whalon L FP (Will Co), 19 Jul (REF); McGinnisSl, 9 Jun (LR); GLPSP, 9 Jun (MW); SpoonL (Knox Co) (2), 21 Jul (PR); Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 9 Jul (AGD); TwoRivers (Gilbert L) (2), 9 Jun (MT); Grassy Slough Pr (Johnson Co), 31 Jul (DMK). **Note**: At LDDP, "low numbers compared to recent years due to high water levels at start of breeding season" (TAM). "Few at HennepinL this summer (DFS)".

American White Pelican

Breeding: This species nested ~1 mile west of the Illinois state line in the large Pool 13 in Clinton Co Iowa, about 4 miles due west of Thomson (Carroll Co), IL, on an island used mainly by a Double-crested Cormorant nesting colony. The site was on the UMRNWR. Eggs and 50-75 young pelicans were found on the island on 16 Jun (fide SDB). Can Illinois's first breeding record be far away? **MC**: 2587, Chau & ClearL (Mason Co), 21 Jul (RGB, SNB); 1500, Woodford SF&WA, 5 Aug (DJS); 600, TwoRivers, 7 Jul (DMK); 400, RiceL SF&WA (Fulton Co), 1 Jul (JM); 210, Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 28 Jun (SDB); 115 & 60, HL, 30 Jun & 2 Jun (FRH, DMK resp); 50, LostMound, 9 Jun (VMK et al.); 50, L&D 13, 8 Jun (VMKet al.); 50, Oxford Twp (Henry Co), 7 Jun (JM); CarlL-F (40), 27 Jul (DMK); RendL (Jefferson Co) (30), 31 Jul (DMK). **Others**: McGinnisSl, 11-12 Jun (EG, AA, REF); GLPSP (7), 1 Jul (DMK); Mokena (Will Co), 26 Jun (fide RBi); SwanL (Calhoun Co) (2), 21 Jul (KAM).

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT

HL, 28 Jun – 28 Jul (*FRH:ph, DMK:ph, JU:ph, m.ob.).

Double-crested Cormorant

Breeding: AlmondM (3 on nests in heron rookery), 3 Jun (SDB); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (3 nests w/1 nestling & 4 juv), 9 Jul (PM); Chi (Lincoln Pk) (14-18 nests w/yg on Wilson Ave. water intake crib, 1 mile offshore in L Michigan), 20 Jul (PD fide GAW); CarlL-F (breeding colony of 800), 23 Jun (DMK); RendL (breeding colony of 400; abandoned by 31 Jul), 1 Jun (DMK). **MC**: 800, CarlL-F (see above); 450, GLNTC, 13 Jul (fide DRD); 400, RendL (see above); 250, McGinnisSl, 5 Jun (WS); 208, Chau, 22 Jun (RGB, SNB); 160, HL, 20 Jul (KAM); 120, CanteenL (Madison Co), 28 Jun & 17 Jul (KAM, DMK resp); 85, MontroseH, 20 Jul (GAW); 40, JP, 28 Jul (KMC, PRC); 33, AlmondM, 16 Jun (SDB); 31, JPPSP, 27 Jun (PM). **Others**: CBG (12), 1 Jul (SG); SpoonL (Knox Co) (ad), 20 Jun (JM); GLPSP (12), 1 Jul (DMK); Kankakee (ad), 13 Jun & 29 Jul (JHH); LDDP (7-12), 24 Jun & 7 Jul resp (TAM); Heron CP (Vermilion Co) (2; ad & imm), 3 Jul (BL); EForkL, 19 & 24 Jun (LH); Schun Bend, WabashR (Wabash Co), 22 Jul (LH); MermetL (20), 31 Jul (DMK).

American Bittern

RollinsSav (calling), 7 & 9 Jun (DRD, SLD resp); JPPSP (**4** calling), 24 & 25 Jun (PM); Pratt'sWW (**4** locations), 24 Jun (PM); Burr Ridge (Harvester Pk, DuPage Co), 12 Jun (PM); GLPSP, 9 & 30 Jun & 24 Jul (MW, DFS, JDi resp); Middleport Twp (Iroquois Co), (calling & visual), 7 Jun & 20 Jun (PM); KCP (calling), 3 Jul (MGA).

Least Bittern

Breeding: JPPSP (pr w/2 nestlings), 24 Jun (PM). **MC**: 9, JPPSP, 24 Jun (PM); 7 (pr & 5 calling), Pratt'sWW, 24 Jun & 14 Jul (PM); 4, RollinsSav, 15 Jul (RDH), w/ad 10 Jun, 23 Jun & 4 Jul (SDB, AFS, MFl resp). **Others:** UMRNWR (SpringL, Carroll Co) (calling), 13 Jun (JC); GriswoldL (McHenry Co), 17 Jun (SDB); AlmondM (calling on territory), 3 & 16 Jun (SDB); Long Grove (Lake Co), 13 Jun (PM); Burr Ridge (Harvester Pk, DuPage Co) (1-2), 12 & 29 Jun (PM); McGinnisSl, 11 Jun (REF); LCal (PowderhornL), 5 Jul (DFS); HennepinL, 3 Jul (DFS); GLPSP, 24 Jul (JDi); Middleport Twp (Iroquois Co), 9 Jun & 20 Jun (PM); BannerMarsh (2), 5

Black-crowned Night-Heron pair. Lincoln Park, Chicago, Cook County. Thirteen nests were discovered, with at least 40-45 adults and young. Photo taken 14 June 2007 by Greg Neise.

Black-crowned Night-Heron young on nest, one of the young produced at the colony of 13 nests, Lincoln Park, Chicago, Cook County. 11 July 2007. Photo by Greg Neise.

Jul (JHH); Wildcat Hollow SF (Effingham Co), 9 Jun (RS, LH); PrRdg-J, 3 Jun (LH); HL, 27 Jun -21 Jul (FRH:ph, & DMK, lOS resp); *Lawrence* (calling), 5 Jun (LH); MermetL (2), 10 Jun (DMK).

Great Blue Heron

Breeding: AlmondM (23 active nests), 22 Apr – 16 Jun (MFl & SDB resp); Buffalo Grove (Lake Co) (2 nest building), 22 Apr (DBJ); PaulDouglas (one nest building), 9 Apr (CF); JPPSP (4 nests w/7+ nestlings), 28 May (UWG); Pratt'sWW (rookery; ads on nests), 17 Apr (FA:ph); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (13 nests w/28 nestlings), 9 Jul (PM); ne *LaSalle* (FoxR) (ads on 32 nests), 22 Apr (TK); Oakley (Sangamon Co) (large rookery) (fide SDB); Allerton Pk (ads @ 30-40 nests), 31 Mar (SDB); St. Joseph, Saline Branch Crk (Champaign Co) (18 nests), 20 Apr (fide JOS); Vance Twp (Vermilion Co) (26 nests in large sycamores along Salt ForkR), 13 May (JOS); Cedar Crk, Shawnee NF (Jackson Co) (4+ nests), 20 May (RR); Nesting colonies at PekinL SF&WA, WorleyL (Tazewell Co) and ClearL (Mason Co) abandoned due to unknown cause (MS fide RGB, SNB). **MC**: 150, TwoRivers, 7 Jul (DMK); 150, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 126, Chau, 12 Jul (RGB, SNB); 120, HL, 21 Jul (DMK, lOS); 113, Keensburg (Wabash Co), 2 Jun (RS, LH); 55, AlmondM, 30 May (JSS); 40, *Lawrence*, 22 Jul (LH); 30, RendL, 31 Jul (DMK). **Others**: JP (5), 4 Jul (PRC); LDDP (14), 24 Jun (TAM).

Great Egret

Breeding: Danada FP (DuPage Co) (6 nests w/14 nestlings), 9 Jul (PM); LCal (Indian Ridge Marsh) (19 nests), 15 Jul (WJM); Nesting colonies at PekinL SF&WA, WorleyL (Tazewell Co) and ClearL (Mason Co) abandoned due to unknown cause (MS fide RGB, SNB); Alorton (100 nests), 16 Jun (VMK, DMK TM) – wind damage in early Jun killed small numbers of yg and ad (VMK). **MC**: 2000, HL, 18 Jul (FRH); 700, TwoRivers, 7 Jul (DMK); 317, Chau, 21 Jul (RGB, SNB); 250, CarlL-F, 27 Jul (DMK); 190, Emiquon, 24 Jun (DFS); 100, *Monroe*, 27 Jun (KAM); 79, JPPSP, 27 Jun (PM); 75, HennepinL, 14 Jul (DJS); 61 (ad & yg), LCal (Indian Ridge Marsh) 15 Jul (WJM); 60, RendL, 31 Jul (DMK); 60, MermetL, 31 Jul (DMK); 55, Keensburg (Wabash Co), 2 Jun (RS, LH); 50, Fermi, season (REF); 50, E. Alton L&D 26 (Madison Co), 21 Jul (KAM); 50, Sauget, 15 Jun (KAM); 50, Grassy Slough Pr (Johnson Co), 23 Jun (KAM); 45, LDDP, 2 Aug (TAM); 40, AlmondM, 16 Jun (SDB); 30, Easter Slough (Pulaski Co), 31 Jul (DMK); 29, Yorkville (Kendall Co), 29 Jul (DJS). **Others**: MoraineHills (15), 30 Jun (MFl); RollinsSav (13), 20 Jun (JSS); Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (15), 14 Jul (DTW); JP, 1 summered (KMC et al.); GLPSP (4), 9 Jun (MW); Kankakee (4), 5 Jun (JHH); Hancock Twp (Hancock Co) (4), 26 Jun (SDB); LWds (5), late Jul (BC); *Wayne* (10), 4 Jul (LH); *Lawrence* (10), 22 Jul (LH).

Snowy Egret

Breeding: Alorton (40 nests), 16 Jun (VMK, DMK, TM) – fewer numbers nesting; colony in process of relocating to an undetermined site (VMK). **MC**: 80, TwoRivers, 21 Jul (TAM, lOS); 70, HL, 25 Jul (DMK); 12 (ad), Chau, 21 Jul (RGB, SNB); 10, Sauget, 15 Jun (KAM). **Others**: LCal (Burnham Pra) (2 ad), 28 Jun & 8-29 Jul (DRD & WJM resp); CarlL-F (6), 23 Jun (DMK) & 28 Jul (DMK, TAM); RendL (Jefferson Co), 20 & 31 Jul (RS, LH & DMK resp); Miller City (Alexander Co), 31 Jul (DMK); ECapeGir (7), 15 Jun (KAM).

Little Blue Heron

Breeding: LCal (Indian Ridge Marsh) (ad carrying nest material), 24 May (JRS fide WJM); Alorton (75 nests), 16 Jun (VMK, DMK, TM) – fewer numbers nesting; colony in process of relocating to an undetermined site (VMK). **MC**: 225, HL, 20 Jul (KAM); 65, ECapeGir, 15 Jun (KAM); 55, Eagle Park Marsh (Madison Co), 28 Jun (KAM); 30, Grassy Slough Pr (Johnson Co), 23 Jun (KAM); 30, *Alexander*, 10 Jun (DMK); 10 (9 ad), LCal, 22 Jul (AFS); 10, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co), 9 Jun (DMK). **Others**: Burnham Pra Marsh (Cook Co) (2 ad), 2 Jun (RDH); Emiquon, 1 Jul (JM); SpringL SF&WA (Tazewell Co), 1 Jul (JM); Chau (2 ad, 1 imm), 15 Jun (RGB, SNB); LDDP (imm 18 Jul, but ad & imm 2 Aug) (TAM); *Edwards* (3 ad), 1 Jul (RS); Columbia_ (3), 9 Jun (KAM); CarlL-F, 28 Jul (DMK); RendL (Jefferson Co) (2-4), 30 Jun & 31 Jul (LH, DMK resp); UCCA, 31 Jul (DMK); MermetL (2), 31 Jul (DMK).

Cattle Egret

Breeding: Alorton - no longer present or nesting at this site (VMK). MC: MermetL (7), 31 Jul (DMK). **Others:** McGinnisSl, 9 & 10 Jun (LR, LMi resp); CarlL-C&F, 23 Jun & 28 Jul (DMK); HLCA (2), 15 Jun (KAM); Shiloh (St. Clair Co), 13 Jun (KAM). **Note:** "Very poor numbers this summer; where are they?" (KAM).

Green Heron

Breeding: Chi (Horner Pk; No. Braneh ChicagoR) (ads on 2 nests), Jun (ECh); Evanston (along No. Shore Channel) (2 nests, one w/2+ yg & ad. building one), late Jun (ECh); Chi (Columbus Pk) (2 nests w/3 ad, 3 yg), 17 Jun (EG); JP (pr, nest building), 30 May w/ 1st of 3 yg 17 Jul (KMC fide PRC); Chau (juv), 15 Jun (RGB, SNB); MeadbrkPk (pr w/ fledged yg), 28 Jun (BC, et al.). **MC**: 47, Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 3 Aug (RGB, SNB); 13 (7 ad, 6 juv), JPPSP, 16 Jul (PM); 10, HL, 9 Jun (DMK); 7, LDDP, 24 Jun (TAM); 6 & 5, Singing Hills FP (Lake Co), 12 Jun & 5 Jul resp (SDB); 6 (2 pr ad; 1 w/2 juv), Pratt'sWW, 1 Jul (PM); 6, MermetL, 10 Jun & 31 Jul (DMK); 5 (3 ad, 2 juv), Danada FP (DuPage Co), 9 Jul (PM); 5 (ad), JP, 3 Jun (CBA, PRC); 5, Grassy Slough (Johnson Co), 22 Jun (KAM); 4, MoraineHills (3 ad incl pr), 17 Jun (SDB); 4, Burr Ridge (Harvester Pk, DuPage Co), 12 Jun (PM); 4, Middleport Twp (Iroquois Co), 20 Jun (PM); 4, BannerMarsh, 5 Jul (JHH); 4, CarlL-C, 23 Jun (DMK); 4, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

Breeding: JPPSP (pr w/2 fledglings), 16 Jul (PM); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (ad w/nestlings), 27 Jun (PM); Chi (Lincoln Pk, So. Pond) (13 nests, some w/downy yg, 40-45 birds), 11 Jul (GN:ph); LCal (lndian Ridge Marsh) (53 newly fledged yg; others heard), 15 July (WJM); LCal (in gull nesting colony) (9 nests), 8 May (DRL fide WJM); Alorton (150 nests), 16 Jun (VMK, DMK TM) – wind damage in early Jun killed small numbers of ad and yg (VMK). **MC**: 15 (mostly ad), AlmondM, 16 Jun (SDB); 15, NoP, 18 Jul (GAW); 12, Fermi, 26 Jul (REF); 12, HL, 21 Jul (DMK, lOS); 10, Dewey Helmik NP (Cook Co), 11 Jul (DR); 6, CanteenL (Madison Co), 28 Jun (KAM); 6, ESTL, 27 Jul (KAM). **Others**: Woodridge (DuPage Co) (2), 4 Jun (UWG); Burr Ridge (Harvester Pk, DuPage Co) (2), 12 Jun (PM); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (2 ad), 9 Jul (PM); JP (3 ad), 3 Jun (PRC); Bartonville (Peoria Co) (3), 30 Jul (JM); Middleport Twp (Iroquois Co) (2 ad, 1 juv), Jun (PM); Emiquon (3 ad), 3 Aug (SDB); Chau (4 & 2 ad), 4 Aug & 6 Jul (SDB & RGB, SNB resp); LDDP (ad & 2 imm), 24 Jun (TAM); Sauget (2), 15 Jun (KAM); RendL (Jefferson Co), 1 Jun & 25 Jul (RS, LH resp); MermetL (juv), 31 Jul (DMK).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

Breeding: Granite City (Madison Co (9 nests w/downy yg), 9 Jun (DMK); Deer Pond NP (Union Co) (ad on nest), 5 May (SDB). **MC**: 8, MermetL, 10 Jun (DMK); 7 (3 ad, 4 imm), HL, 28 Jul (DMK, TAM). **Others:** LCal (2; ad & juv), 28 Jul (REF, UWG); Beaubien Wds FP (Cook Co), 12 Jun (DFS); Middleport Twp (lroquois Co) (juv), Jun (PM); Miller Shrub Swamp NP (Marion Co) (ad), 15 June (RS, LH); Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co), 23 Jun (KAM); LtlBlkSl, 10 Jun (DMK).

Black Vulture

MC: 30, *Johnson*, 24 Jun (KAM); 6, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 6, Vienna (Johnson Co), 23 Jul (DMK, KAM); 4, Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co), 10 Jun (DMK); 4, Brookport (Massac Co), 6 Jun (SDB). **Other**: *Alexander* (2), 23 Jun (KAM).

Turkey Vulture

MC: 60, TwoRivers, 17 Jul (DMK); 60, Wildcat Bluff NP (Johnson Co), 19 Jul (DMK); 30, Vienna (Johnson Co), 23 Jul (DMK, KAM); 26, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 20, *Ogle*, 16 Jun (DFS, lOS); 17, *Sangamon*, 31 Jul (DFS); 17, *Jersey*, 21 Jul (KAM); 15, LWds, 25 Jul (BC); 14, MBC, 30 Jun (MFr); 13, MidFork, 18 Jun (BC, et al.); 12, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 12, *Jackson*, 12 Jun (KAM); 11, *Bond*, 3 Jun (DMK); 11, *Alexander*, 15 Jun (KAM); 10, ClearL (Mason Co), 6 Jun (RGB, SNB); 10, HL, 21 Jul (DMK); 10, Brookport (Massac Co), 6 Jun (SDB); 8 (roost), Geneva (Kane Co), Jul (DJS); 7, Kankakee, 16 Jul (JHH). **Other**: Grayslake (Lake Co) (4), 2 Jun (SDB); Alsip (Cook Co) (pr), 19 Jun (SF).

Osprey

Breeding: Schaumburg (Cook Co) (pr @ nest), June (fide MPW); Palos (Bergman Slough) (nest), season (DFS); PowderhornL FP (Cook Co) (nest w/3 hatchlings; 2 fledged), 31 Mar – 29 Jul (WJM, CAM, m.ob.); CarlL-C (pr incubating, 5 Jun, w/3 yg 13 Jun & 27 Jul) (DMK); BannerMarsh (pr @ nest; 1+ nestling in Jul), 23 Jun – 12 Aug (JM, MS, SDB m.ob.); MermetL (adding nest lining; nest later failed), 10 Jun (DMK). **Others**: RollinsSav, 3 Jun (DRD, m.ob.); Oregon (Ogle Co), 16 Jun (DFS, lOS); Willow Springs to Romeoville canoe trip (Des PlainesR, Cook, DuPage & Will Cos) (2), 2 Jun (TK, m.ob.); Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co), 21 Jul (DFS); HennepinL, 3 Jul (DFS); Dresden lsland L&D (Grundy Co), 5 Jul (JSm); Kankakee, 2 Jun (JHH); Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 26 Jul (RGB, SNB); KSP, 30 Jul (BL); EForkL, 30 Jul (LH).

Mississippi Kite

MC: 12, Miller City (Alexander Co), 31 Jul (DMK). **Others**: Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (2 juv), 28 Jul (AGD); PereMar (2), 21 Jul (DMK, KAM, IOS); HL, 2 Jun – 5 Jul (FRH); Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co), 23 Jun (KAM); TOT (2), 23 Jun (KAM); LtlBlkSl, 23 Jul (DMK, KAM); Grassy Slough Pr (Johnson Co), 22 Jun (KAM); Carbondale (Williamson Co) (pr likely nesting in residential backyard in town. Birds seen throughout Jun/Jul, then juv plumaged kite found dead on road near house, 6 Aug) (**CH, RR); Metropolis (Massac Co) (ad in town), 6 Jun (SDB, JWW); ECapeGir (2), 6 Jun (SDB, JWW); Thebes (Alexander Co), 6 Jun (SDB); *Alexander* (2), 15 Jun (KAM). **Overmigrants**: Old School FP (Lake Co), 30 Jun (CEG); Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co) (3 subad), 21-26 Jun (MB, JM, SDB, m.ob.) – noted feeding extensively on periodic cicadas (SDB, JM); Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (subad), 2 Jun (RS, LH).

Bald Eagle

Breeding: Lost Mound (active nest), 19 May (UWG); L&D 13 (nest w/2 yg), 7 Apr - 4 Jun (ASt); Magnolia Twp (Putnam Co) (pr on nest), 21 Jan (DJS); Senachwine Twp (Putnam Co) (ad on nest), 17 Mar (DJS); SenachwineL (Putnam Co) (ad on nest), 17 Mar (DJS); ne *LaSalle* (pr, w/ad feeding yg in nest along FoxR), 22 & 29 Apr (TK, DJS m.ob.); Marshall SF&WA (Marshall Co) (pr @ nest, then w/3 yg), 21 Jan &15 Apr (DJS, JW:ph, resp); Snakeden Hollow SF&WA (Knox Co) (nest), (fide JM); Chau (2 nests; 1 yg fledged from one nest, 1 nest abandoned possibly due to large buffalo gnat outbreak) (RGB, SNB); ClearL (Mason Co) (nest abandoned, possibly coincedent with buffalo gnat outbreak) (RGB, SNB); Newell Twp, No. Fork VermilionR (Vermilion Co) (pr @ nest), 5 Mar; one yg late Apr (BL); Quincy (Adams Co) (nest), Mar (fide CY); BigL (Brown Co) (ad on nest), 28 Apr (TW); Spfld (SangamonR) (pr @ nest w/one yg; 1st local nesting in recent times.), 9 Apr (CY); CoffeenL (Montgomery Co) (nest w/2 yg) (BTe); CarlL-B (pr incubating & pr w/2 yg), 8 Mar & 22 Apr (DMK); CarlL-C (pr incubating 24 Mar & w/2 yg on 15 Apr & 26 May but nest vacant 23 Jun) (DMK); EForkL (ad @ nest; 1st local nesting in recent times), 5 Jun (LH); RendL (Jefferson Co) (2ad w/2 yg), 14 Jul (LH); CypressCrk (pr @ nest), 19 Mar (KAM). **MC**: 4 (ad), Chau, 1 Jun (RGB, SNB). Others: Willow Springs to Romeoville canoe trip (Des PlainesR, Cook, DuPage & Will Cos) (imm), 2 Jun (TK, m.ob.); Little Red School House NC (Cook Co) (imm), 3 Jun (AA); Cap Sauers (imm), 10 Jun (JD); LCal (1st yr), 28 Jul (UWG, REF); KankakeeR SP (Will Co) (ad), 7 Jun (JHH); Kankakee (ad), 3 Jul (JHH); RiverBend (3rd yr), 11 Jun (BC); MidFork (ad), 26 Jul (BC); *Jersey* (lllinoisR) (ad), 21 Jul (DMK, KAM, lOS); Mount Erie Twp (Wayne Co) (ad), 19 Jun & 4 Jul (SDB, JWW & LH resp); Schun Bend, WabashR (Wabash Co) (imm), 22 Jul (LH); BaldwinL (Randolph Co) (ad), 29 Jun (DMK); Logan Hollow Fish Farm (Jackson Co) (ad), 24 Jun (KAM); MississippiR levee rd (Union Co) (3 ad), 10 Jun (DMK); Easter Slough (Pulaski Co) (ad), 31 Jul (DMK).

Northern Harrier

OrlandGr, 28 May (WS); se Princeton (Bureau Co) (female), 3 Jul (DFS); St. Joseph (Champaign Co), 17 Jul (MPW); PrRdg-M (female), 13 Jun (JWW, et al.); PrRdg-M (male), 23 Jul (RS); Dundas (Richland Co), 17 Jul (RS); *Richland* (female), 1 Jun (LH); *Wabash*, 23 Jun (RS).

Cooper's Hawk

Breeding: nw Rockford (pr carrying food to nest), Jun (DTW); Wauk (Bowen Pk, pr @ nest), 9 May (EWW); Hawthorn Woods (Lake Co) (pr @ nest in yard), Apr – Jun (LAK, SLD, SDB); Evanston (Cook Co) (ad on nest), 16 Apr (fide SDB); Batavia (Kane Co) (pr @ nest w/4 yg), 19 Jun (CC); MArb (ad on nest), 24 Mar (PD); Palatine (Cook Co) (nest), Apr-May (PP); Chi (Beverly) (nest), Jun (JH); Forest Park, Concordia Cem (Cook Co) (3-4 yg fledged from nest), 15 Jul (ALM, RAM); Chi (North Park Village NC) (ad on nest), 18 Mar (JV); Cap Sauers (ad@nest), 10 Jun (JD); Columbia Wds FP (Cook Co) (nest; failed), 7 May (WS); JP (imm female nest building but left unfinished), 21-22 Apr – early May (KDA, ND resp); Kankakee (ad on nest), 14 Mar (JHH); BuseyWds (pr nest building), 11 Mar (BC, et al.); St. Joseph (Champaign Co) (pr w/yg), Jun/Jul (MPW); Mattoon, Douglas-Hart NC (Coles Co) (nest w/3 nestlings 21 Jun w/two fledging 25 Jun & other a few days later) (ph, DM, LBH); Mt. Vernon (Jefferson Co) (male in territorial display), 15 Jun (DMK); so. *Jackson* (ad w/2 fledglings), 3 Aug (RR). MC: 4, Kankakee, 2 Jul (JHH). **Others:** MissPalis (pr on territory), 26 May & 9 Jun (EWW, MT resp); MoraineHills, 17 Jun (SDB); Winthrop H (ad female), 24 Jul (EWW); lBSP (pr), May – 17 Jul (EWW); Zion (Shiloh Pk, Lake Co) (pr), 1 Jun (EWW); Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (pr), May – 6 Jul (EWW); GriswoldL (McHenry Co), 17 Jun (SDB); RollsSav, 3-16 Jun & 20 Jul (EWW, SDB resp); St. Charles, Campton Hills Pk (Kane Co), 11 Jul (DJS); GreeneValFP, 24 Jun (JSm); Lombard (DuPage Co) (ad), 31 May (FA); Techny Basin CA (Cook Co), 19 Jun (SG); Berwyn (Cook Co), Jun (GN); Alsip (Cook Co) (2), season (SF); *Henry*, 9 Jun (CAT, TK); Kankakee (2; carrying food several dates; near nest site?), 14 Jun-16 Jul (JHH); Pontiac (Livingston Co), 1 Jul (DMK); Sonora Twp (Hancock Co), 28 Jun (SDB); MeadbrkPk, 23 Jul (BSl); *Edgar*, 19 Jun (DMK); SwanL (Calhoun Co), 21 Jul (KAM); HL (2), 21 Jul (DMK, lOS); ESTL, 21 Jul (KAM); St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); Collinsville (Madison Co), 7 Jun (KAM); CarlL-B (2), 27 Jul (DMK); Breese (Clinton Co), 28 Jul (DMK); Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (2), 12 Jul (KAM); Fairview Heights (St. Clair Co), 14 Jun (KAM); Shiloh & Swansea (St. Clair Co), 1, 22 & 7 Jul resp (DMK,

KAM); Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); *Hamilton*, 17 Jun (RS); Royalton_ (2), 15 Jun (RR); Omaha Twp (Gallatin Co) (chasing 2 Red-tailed Hawks), 20 Jun (SDB); *Jackson*, 10 Jun (KAM); MermetL (ad male), 10 Jun (DMK).

Red-shouldered Hawk

Breeding: CarlL (pr w/1 yg), 24 Jun (KAM). **MC**: 8, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 6, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 4, MermetL, 31 Jul (DMK). **Others**: LowdMil (ad), 9 Jun (REF); Pilcher Pk (Will Co), 30 Jun (CHi); MomenceWet, 28 May (JHH); Rock Springs CA (Macon Co), 20 Jun (TVL); PereMar, 15 Jul (KAM); CarlL-C, 13 Jun – 8 Jul (DMK); CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); Miller Shrub Swamp NP (Marion Co) (3), 15 June (RS, LH); RedHills (ad), 29 Jun (LH); Sam Dale SP (Wayne Co) (3), 15 Jun (LH); RendL (Jefferson Co) (imm), 25 Jul (LH); Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co) (3), 23 Jun (KAM); CaveVal, 27 May (RR); LtlBlkSl, 19 Jul (DMK); Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co) (2), 24 Jun (KAM); se.*Massac* (2 locations), 6 Jun (SDB, JWW).

Broad-winged Hawk

Breeding: Oldfield Oaks FP (DuPage Co) (ad w/2 calling, begging juv), 8 Aug (REF). **Others**: RockCut (2 sub ad), 12 Jun (DTW); Rockford (ad), 1 Jul (DTW); Rockford (juv), 4 Jul (DTW); Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co) (3 incl one imm), 1 Aug (MB); PereMar, 15 Jul (KAM); EForkL, 5 Jun (LH); *Jackson*, 23 Jun (KAM).

NBSO: JP (ad), **14 Jul** (PRC).

Swainson's Hawk

McHenry (3 pr), Jun/Jul, (ALM, RAM); *Kane* (pr), Jun/Jul (ALM, RAM); Huntley (McHenry Co) (pr defending territory), 8 Jul (UWG, REF).

Red-tailed Hawk

Breeding: Shabbona Lk SP (ad on nest), 15 Apr (DJS); West Chicago Pra FP (DuPage Co) (ad nest building), 13 Mar (MBe); Maple Grove FP (DuPage Co) (ad on nest), 5 May (UWG); Chi (Garfield Pk) (ad on nest on building), 27 Mar (LMu); Alsip (Cook Co) (pr w/2 yg), season (SF); Barstow (Rock Island Co) (nest), 10 Mar (EWW); Morris (Grundy Co) (ad on nest), 22 Mar (SDB); Kewanee Twp, Francis Pk (Henry Co) (ad on nest), 21 Apr (CAT, TK); ne *LaSalle* (Sheridan to Wedron canoe trip) (2 nests; one ad on & one w/nestling), 22 & 29 Apr (TK, m.ob.); MBC (nest w/one fledged yg), Apr/May (MFr); Kankakee (ad w/prey & begging juv), 26 Jun (JHH); Fisher (Champaign Co) (ad on nest), 5 May (GSL); LWds (ad on nest), 7 May (BC, et al.); MidFork (2 imm), 26 Jul (BC, et al.); Armstrong (Vermilion Co) (ad on nest), 26 Mar & 20 Apr (BL, SDB resp); Potomac (Vermilion Co) (ad on nest), 14 Apr (SDB); KSP (nest w/yg), 1 Jun (BL); Danville (Vermilion Co) (ad on nest), 26 Mar (BL). **MC**: 11, sw *Will*, 10 Jun (DFS); 10, HennepinL, 3 Jul (DFS); 8, HL, 21 Jul (DMK); 8, CarlL-C, 4 Jul (DMK); 6, MBC, 7 Jul (MFr); Monterey Mine (Clinton Co), 27 Jul (DMK); 6, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 6, MississippiR levee rd (Union Co), 10 Jun (DMK); 5, Midewin, 15 Jul (GAW); 5, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB); 5, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 5, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 5, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK). **Other**: Naperville (DuPage Co) (albino w/ a few brown spots), 19 Jul – 23 Aug (BTa: ph).

Peregrine Falcon.
Cook County. 1 July 2007.
Photo by Jerry Kumery.

American Kestrel

Breeding: Evanston (Cook Co), 3 family groups, 20 Jul (fide SDB). **MC**: 15, *DeKalb & LaSalle*, 22 Jul (DJS); 14, Evanston (Cook Co), 20 Jul (fide SDB); 12, *Kendall*, 21 Jul (DFS); 12, CarlL-C, 4 Jul (DMK); 12, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 8, HL, 21 Jul (DMK); 6, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 5, MermetL, 24 Jun (KAM); 4, Miller Meadow FP (Cook Co), 29 Jul (JSA); 4, Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 13 Jul (AGD); 4, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 4, *Jackson*, 12 Jun (KAM).

Merlin

Downers Grove (DuPage Co) (backyard), **30 Jul** (REF).

Peregrine Falcon

Breeding: Wauk (pr @ nest fledged 3 yg), season (MHn fide SDB); Evanston (Cook Co) (nest fledged 3 male & a female yg), season (MHn fide SDB); Fermi (pr), season (MHn fide SDB); McCook (Cook Co) (new pr of ads likely nesting in quarry w/ at least 3 fledglings), 30 Jun (VS); Chi (pairs present @ 14 locations, incl one nest [2 eggs in gutter lost in rain storm] attempt, one nest failure, 2 nests w/at least 9 eggs hatching 3 & 4 yg, & 5 nests w/at least 19 eggs fledging 2, 2, 3, 3, & 4 yg), (MHn fide SDB); New Chi nesting locations for 2007 include the Field Museum and building ledge @ Belmont & Lake Shore Dr. (MHn fide SDB). **Others**: Lost Mound (harassing a Bald Eagle), 9 Jun (EC); LCal (CalumetR) (ad & juv), 30 Jun (WJM); LCal (golf course) (juv), 15 Jul (WJM, AA, JDu); Alton, Clark Bridge, (Madison Co), 9 Jun (MT); HL (chased cormorants out of tree), 20 Jul (KAM).

King Rail

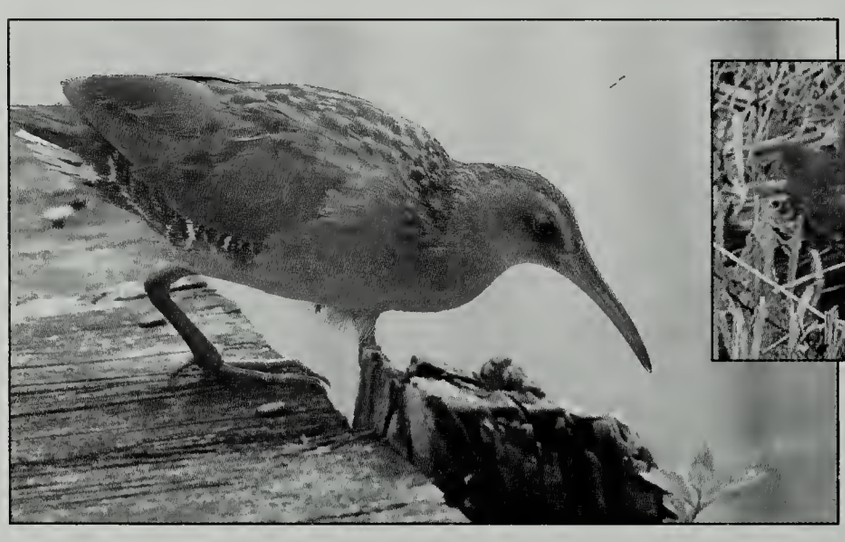
Breeding: Spunky Bottoms Pr (Brown Co) (ad w/yg), late-Jun (MPW). **Others**: RollinsSav, 10 Jun (SDB); Pratt'sWW, 24 Jun (PM); Brookport (Massac Co), 6 Jun (SDB, JWW).

Virginia Rail

Breeding: RollinsSav (ad w/4 chicks), 22-23 Jul (NL:ph); LDDP (pr w/2 yg), 24 Jun (TAM:ph, vid). **MC**: 18, (6 pr & 6 calling), Pratt'sWW , 24 Jun & 14 Jul (PM); 11 (5 pr & 1 calling @ 4 locations), AlmondM, 3-16 Jun (SDB); 10 (4 pr, 2 ind), JPPSP, 24 Jun (PM). **Others**: Bates Fen NP (McHenry Co), 7 Jul (SDB); MoraineHills (3 ad incl pr), 17 Jun (SDB); GriswoldL (McHenry Co) (4, 2 pr), 17 Jun (SDB); RollinsSav (4, 2pr; different than above birds), 10 Jun & 3 Jul (SDB); Singing Hills FP (Lake Co) (pr), 5 Jul (SDB); Duck Farm FP (Lake Co), 13 Jun (SDB, MPW); Long Grove (Lake Co) (1-2), 13 Jun & 6 Jul (PM); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (calling ad), 9 Jul (PM); Burr Ridge (Harvester Pk, DuPage Co) (2), 12 Jun (PM); GLPSP, 10 & 30 Jun (UWG, REF & EWW:ph, resp); Middleport Twp (Iroquois Co) (1 & 2), 7 Jun & 20 Jun resp (PM).

Sora

MC: 16, Pratt'sWW , 24 Jun & 14 Jul (PM); 8, JPPSP, 24 Jun (PM); 7 (3 pr & 1 calling @ 3 locations), AlmondM, 3-16 Jun (SDB). **Others**:



Virginia Rail young.
Rollins Savanna, Lake County. 23 July 2007.
Photo by Nolan Lameka.

Virginia Rail.
Goose Lake Prairie State Park, Grundy County. 30 June 2007.
Photo by Eric Walters.

MoraineHills (ad), 17 Jun (SDB); GriswoldL (McHenry Co), 17 Jun (SDB); RedwingSl, 14 Jun (SDB); RollinsSav (3), 15 Jul (RDH); RollinsSav (4 @ 3 locations other than previous birds), 2 & 10 Jun (SDB); Long Grove (Lake Co), 13 Jun & 6 Jul (PM); JPPSP, 27 Jun (EG); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (2 ealling ad), 9 Jul (PM); Burr Ridge (Harvester Pk, DuPage Co) (3), 12 Jun (PM); Middleport Twp (Iroquois Co) (2), 7 Jun & 20 Jun (PM); Chau, 26 Jul - 4 Aug (RSB & SNB, SDB resp).

Common Moorhen

Breeding: JPPSP (2 ad & 3 pr w/3, 6, & 6 chicks), Jun/Jul (PM); RollinsSav (ad w/3 chicks), 4 & 15 Jul (MFl, RDH resp); HL (5 ad w/4 downy yg), 21 Jul (DMK, KAM, IOS). **MC**: 22, JPPSP, (see above); 9, HL, see above; 5 (@ 3 locations), AlmondM, 3-16 Jun (SDB); 4 pr, RollinsSav, 1 Jun – 2 Jul (SLD, SDB); 4 (ad), UMRNWR, SpringL (Carroll Co), 13 Jun (JC). **Others**: OrlandGr, 28 May (WS); Egger's Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 Jul (CHi); LCal (Dead Stick Pond), 28 Jul (UWG, REF); LCal (Burnham Pra) (ad), 17 Jun (WJM); Middleport Twp (Iroquois Co) (1 & 2), 7 Jun & 20 Jun resp (PM); *Marion*, 6 Jun (JC); MermetL, 24 Jun (KAM).

American Coot

Breeding: RollinsSav (7 pr nesting w/3 females on nests 21 Jun & 4 ad w/15 juv 7 Jul) (SLD); Afton FP (Dekalb Co) (ad on nest), 13 May (DJS); JPPSP (3 pr w/2 & 3 chicks & 3 juv), 24 Jun (PM); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (2 pr, 1 w/3 chicks), 9 Jul (PM); Emiquon (7 broods w/chicks & juvs; 2 ad on nests), 3 Aug (SDB). **MC**: **100** (80 ad), Emiquon, 3 Aug (SDB); 35, HL, 2 Jun (DMK); 14, JPPSP (see above); 6 (ad), LCal, 17 Jun (WJM, CAM, PAD). **Others**: IBSP, 25 Jun (EWW) – "not expected here in summer"; AlmondM (3 ad), 3-16 Jun (SDB); Chi (Grant Pk), 11 Jun (DFS); Techny Basin CA (Cook Co), 20-21 Jun (SG); Monmouth Sewage Lagoons (Warren Co) (2), 30 Jul (PR); Double T SF&WA (Fulton Co) (3), 23 Jun (JM); Chau (4), 6 Jun (RGB, SNB); LDDP (4), 24 Jun (TAM); TwoRivers (2), 21 Jul (DMK, KAM); PrRdg-J, 11 Jun (RS); Karl Bartel Pr (Marion Co), 8 Jun (DMK, SDB); CarlL-C, 13 Jun (DMK); BaldwinL (Randolph Co) (2), 29 Jun (DMK); MermetL, 10 Jun (DMK). **Note**: At LDDP, "low numbers compared to recent years due to high water levels at start of breeding season" (TAM).

Sandhill Crane

Breeding: COLSP (4 territories), 9 May (EWW); RedwingSl (2 prs on territory), 8 May (EWW); RollinsSav (3-4 pr, one pr w/one small yg 27 May), 1 Jun – 7 Jul (SLD, SDB); Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co) (pr w/one yg), 28 Jul – 28 Aug (PP & MFl resp); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (ad on nest w/newly hatched chick), 4 May (RBi); Newport Twp (Lake Co) (pr w/one lg yg), 3-14 Jul (KEH); GLPSP (pr w/2 yg), 9 Jun (MW). **Others**: UMRNWR, SpringL (Carroll Co), (4), 8 Jun (VMK); LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB); LElizabeth (McHenry Co), 23 Jun (SG); Bates Fen NP (McHenry Co) (pr), 12 Jun - 7 Jul (SDB); MoraineHills (2 pr calling ads), 17 Jun (SDB); Cotton Crk Marsh NP (McHenry Co) (ad), 7 Jul (SDB); AlmondM (ad), 3 Jun (SDB); Nippersink FP (Lake Co) (pr), 14 Jun (SDB, MPW); Lake Villa Twp (ad), 13 Jun (SDB, MPW); Batavia (Kane Co) (3), 17 Jul (DJS); Geneva (Kane Co) (2), 26 Jul (DJS); JPPSP (pr), season (PM).

American Golden-Plover

NBSO: Dunham Rd sod farm (McHenry Co) (ad), 26 Jun (DFS) – summering bird?; LDDP (alt plumage, injured wing), **24 Jun – 2 Aug** (TAM, MFD).

Killdeer

Breeding: GreeneValFP (pr w/chick), 13 May (UWG); Woodridge (DuPage Co) (ad & chick in driveway), 15 Jun (UWG); MontroseH (ad @ nest w/4 eggs, 19 May; 3 newly hatched chicks, 29 May) (LMu); Canton (Fulton Co) (nest w/4 eggs), 18 Jun (LLH); Martinsville Twp (Clark Co) (2 ad w/2 downy chicks), 29 Jun (SDB); ECapeGir (pr w/3 yg), 23 Jun (KAM); Joppa (Massac Co) (ad @ nest w/4 eggs), 27 Apr (SDB). **MC**: 750, TwoRivers, 21 Jul (TAM, IOS); 400, CarlL-F, 28 Jul (DMK, TAM); 400, RendL, 31 Jul (DMK); 250, HL, 22 Jul (FRH); 205, Kankakee, 1 Aug (JHH);139, Chau, 26 Jul (RGB, SNB); 59, Dunham Rd sod farm (McHenry Co) (ad), 26 Jun (DFS); 49, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 48, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 40, LDDP, 27 Jul (TAM); 38, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB).

Black-necked Stilt

ECapeGir (6), 10 Jun (DMK).

Spotted Sandpiper

Breeding: Wauk (late brood; 2 ad w/2 recently hatched chicks), 21 Jul (EWW); GLNTC (nest w/4 eggs), 31 May-7 Jun & 4 birds 15 Jun (DRD); RollinsSav (female @ nest w/4 eggs), 27 May (SDB, SLD); Chi (64th St beach) (nest w/4 eggs 27 May, abandoned/predated; but fledgling 20 &

Laughing Gull. An adult on nest with egg was discovered at Lake Calumet in June 2007, representing the state's first record of breeding Laughing Gull. Photo courtesy of USDA-Wildlife Services. The nest was unsuccessful.

22 Jul), (PRC, KMC); MontroseH (3 pr ad Jun, w/1 juv 25 Jun & 4 juv 16 Jul), (GAW); Techny Basin CA (Cook Co) ("confirmed breeding"), 20 June (SG); LCal (126th St Marsh) (ad w/1 downy yg), 7 Jul (WJM); LCal (ad w/1 downy yg), 4 Aug (WJM); Kankakee (4 incl 2 juv), 14 Jul (JHH). **MC**: **115**, TwoRivers, 21 Jul (TAM, IOS); 14, Chain of Rocks (Madison Co), 15 Jul (KAM); 8, Techny Basin CA (Cook Co), 22 June (SG fide SDB); 7, GLNTC, 31 May (DRD); 5, Long Grove (Lake Co), 16 Jul (PM); 5, GreeneValFP, 24 Jun (UWG). **Others**: LElizabeth (McHenry Co), 23 Jun (SG); RollinsSav (4 ad @ 4 locations), 1 Jun – 7 Jul (SLD, SDB); Fremont Twp (Lake Co), 14 Jun (SDB, MPW); GreenR CA (Lee Co) (2), 9 Jun (VMK et al.); Miller Meadow FP (Cook Co), 25 Jun (JSA); Kankakee, 10-16 Jun but 2 there 14 Jun (JHH); MomenceWet, 28 May (JHH); Cheneyville (Vermilion Co), 1 Jun (SDB); LDDP (3), 24 Jun (TAM); CarlL-C, 23 Jun (DMK).

Upland Sandpiper

Breeding: Midewin (2 pr; one pr w/2 yg), 2 Jun (AFS); PrRdg-J (6 ad, 5 yg), 12 Jun (JWW et al.); Easton (Mason Co) (likely a nest/yg nearby; ad very agitated & acting territorial), 29 Jun (MPW:ph); Monticello Rd FS (Champaign Co) (2 pr), 1 Jun (BC, SDB). **MC**: 11, PrRdg-J (See above); 10, Decatur Apt, 5 Aug (TAM). **Others:** LostMound (pr), 9 Jun (VMK et al.); nw *Ogle* (2), 16 Jun (DTW); Campton Hills Pk (St. Charles, Kane Co) (migrant?), 2-3 Jul (SAC, MM); Greenlee Cem Pra NP (Henry Co), 21 Jul (CAT, TK); Atkinson_, 25 Jun (DFS); Midewin (5), 3 Jun (JSa); Ferris (Hancock Co), 1 Jun (VMK); Double T SF&WA (Fulton Co) (display flight), 23 Jun (JM); Canton (Fulton Co), 21 Jun (LLH); McLean (McLean Co) (2), 25 Jun (VMK); Iroquois Co (Prairie Green Twp [3 singing males] & Stockland Twp [1 singing male]), 1 Jun (SDB); Philadelphia Twp (Cass Co), 10 Jun (BA); LDDP, 6 Aug (TAM); Coles Co Apt (3), 16 Jul (KW fide LBH); PrRdg-M (2 ad), 13 Jun (JWW, et al.); *Jefferson*, 20 Jul (RS); *Wayne* (flyover), 28 Jul (LH).

American Woodcock

Breeding: GlacialPk (nest w/4 eggs; burned by prairie burn), late Mar (MFl:ph); GlacialPk (ad w/2 chicks), 19 May (MFl); Wolf Rd Pra NP (Cook Co) (3 incl 2 imm), 16 Jun (CAT, TK); GLPSP (family group of 4), 9 Jun (MW); Kankakee (ad w/2 imm), 7 May (JHH). **Others**: MoraineHills, 30 Jun (MFl); IBSP, 10 Jun (JSa et al.); Eggers Wds FP (Cook Co), 22 Jul (RLS); LCal, 22 Jul (RLS); GreenR CA (Lee Co) (2), 9 Jun (VMK et al.); *White* (displaying male), 5 Jun (JC); LtlBlkSl (2), 19 Jul (DMK).

Wilson's Snipe

RollinsSav, 23 Jun (MG); KCP (migrant?), 3 Jul (MGA); PrRdg-J (3; 2 locations), 3-4 Jun (LH).

Laughing Gull

BREEDING: LCal (ad on nest w/1 egg), Jun (SB fide MPW). **1st Illinois nest record! Others (Chi records same birds?)**: NPM (2nd alt), 10 Jun (RDH ph); Wauk (ad), 24 Jun (AFS); GLNTC (3 ad), Jun (fide MPW); MontroseH (ad), 26 Jun & 9 Jul (RDH); LDDP (ad), 15 Jul – 10 Aug

(but 2 ad 18 Jul) (TAM, DMK, SDB, m.ob.); HL, 1 & 3 Jun (FRH); CarlL-F (basic ad), 27-29 Jul (DMK, TAM, KAM); BaldwinL (Randolph Co) (ad), 29 Jun (DMK).

Franklin's Gull

NBSO: JP (2nd yr), 22 Jun (KMC fide PRC); Kankakee (2), 16 Jun (JHH).

Bonaparte's Gull

NBSO: Wauk (2 ad, non-breeding plumage), 24 Jun (AFS); GLNTC (10), 15 Jun (DRD); Evanston (Cook Co) (14-1st yr birds), 19 Jun (JT); JP (64th St. beach) (18-1st yr birds), 13 Jun (PRC); JP (ad), 26 Jul (PRC); LDDP (ad in heavy molt), 7 Jul – 10 Aug (TAM, DMK, SDB, m.ob.); HL (ad), 20 Jul (KAM); **RendL (Jefferson Co)** (ad, mostly in breeding plumage), **25 Jul** (LH).

Ring-billed Gull

Breeding: LCal (15,000 nests & 41,753 eggs; all but 200 nests oiled) season (USDA fide WJM); Chi (Dime Pier), (2,914 nests & 7,396 eggs, all but 200 nests oiled), season (USDA fide WJM); LCal (golf course) (76 newly fledged juv), 8 Jul (WJM). **MC**: 3010, Winthrop H (Lake Co), 1 Jul (EWW); 1136, MontroseH, 29 Jun (GAW); 525, CarlL, 29 Jul (KAM); 400, TwoRivers, 17 Jul (DMK); 400, RendL, 31 Jul (DMK); 394, Chau, 21 Jul (RGB, SNB); 341, JP, 4 Jul (PRC); 200, HL, 25 Jul (DMK). **Others**: Winthrop H (Lake Co) (1st juv), 1 Jul (EWW); JP (81 juv), 17 Jul (KMC fide PRC); Emiquon, 24 Jun (DFS); Kankakee (16), 5 Jun (JHH); RiverBend (2 imm), 3 Jul (CA); LDDP (1st juv arrival), 18 Jul (TAM).

Herring Gull

MC: 70, Winthrop H (Lake Co), 1 Jul (EWW); 24, MontroseH, 20 Jul (GAW). **Others**: JP (4 ad), 4 Jul (PRC); Chau, 6 Jul (RGB, SNB); HL (1st cycle), 7 Jun (FRH).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

IBSP (2nd yr), 10 Jun (AFS); MontroseH (2nd yr), 15 Jun (GAW); CarlL-C (2nd summer), 27 Jul (DMK:ph).

Caspian Tern

NBSO: Kankakee (ad), 17 Jun (JHH). **MC**: 30 (ad), LCal, 17 Jun (WJM); 11, MontroseH, 2 Jul (GAW); 9, JP, (PRC); 7, GLNTC, 7 Jun (DRD); 7, Chau, 26 Jul (RSB, SNB); 6, McGinnisSl, 13 Jun (DFS); 6, LDDP, 7 Jul (TAM). **Others**: Winthrop H (Lake Co) (2), 1 Jul (EWW); Burr Ridge, Harvester Pk (DuPage Co), 12 Jun (PM); Chi (Grant Pk) (2), 14 Jun (DFS); Chi (Northerly Island) (4), 8 Jun (DFS); JP (juv), 14 Jul (PRC); Beaubien Wds FP (Cook Co) (2), 12 Jun (DFS); L Rawson (Bureau Co), 24 Jun (DFS); HeideckeL (Grundy Co), 30 Jun (DFS); BannerMarsh (3), 5 Jul (JHH); CarlL-F (9), 28 Jul (DMK, TAM); BaldwinL (Randolph Co) (4), 29 Jun (DMK); RendL (Jefferson Co) (1 & 8), 30 Jun & 31 Jul (LH, DMK resp).

Common Tern

Breeding: GLNTC (1st nesting attempt in early Jun: ad 50, nests 25, eggs 54, chicks 7; ants killed young. 2nd nesting attempt, 13 nests & 29 eggs, 18 Jun & 25 nests w/68 eggs & a chick, 25 Jun and 25 active nests, 71 eggs,and 2 yg 5 Jul; 6 yg fledged for the summer (DRD). **MC**: 20, BraidwoodL (Will Co), 9 Jul (JC). **Other**: Dresden CoolingL (Grundy Co), 1 Jul (DMK).

Forster's Tern

NBSO: Kankakee (2 ad), 30 Jun (JHH); BannerMarsh, 5 Jul (JHH); EForkL, 25 Jun (LH). **Others**: GLNTC (6), 15 Jun (DRD); LCal, 5 Jun (4, 3 ad) & 17 Jun (ad) (WJM) – migrants?; HL, 15 & 29 Jul (KAM, FRH resp); CarlL-C (2), 23 Jun (DMK); RendL (9), 31 Jul (DMK).

Least Tern

Breeding: BaldwinL (Randolph Co) (12; ad carrying food), 29 Jun (DMK); Grand Tower (Jackson Co) (19 in nesting colony), 10 Jun (DMK); MermetL (16; ad carrying food), 31 Jul (DMK). **Others**: EForkL (ad), 2 Jul (LH); Easter Slough (Pulaski Co) (ad), 31 Jul (DMK); Miller City (Alexander Co) (ad), 31 Jul (DMK).

Black Tern

Breeding: RedwingSl (4), 14 Jun (SDB, MPW) – usual breeding location. **Others**: L Elizabeth (McHenry Co) (5), 23 Jun (SG); Lake Villa (Lake Co), 23 Jun (SG).

NBSO: McGinnisSl, 5 Jun (WS); LCal (golf course) (1st summer), 9 Jun (WJM); LDDP (5 ad), 27 Jul (TAM); TwoRivers (SwanL) (47), 9 Jun (MT); HL, 15 & 19 Jul (KAM, FRH resp); CarlL-F (4), 23 Jun (DMK).

Common Nighthawk chicks. July 2007. Lost Mound National Wildlife Refuge, Carroll/JoeDaviess County. Photos by Randy Nyboer.

Rock Pigeon

Breeding: Urbana (on nest), Jun (BC). **MC**: 180, Chi, 18 Jun (DFS); 150, ESTL, 9 Jun (DMK); 131, NoP, 18 Jul (GAW); 122, MontroseH, 20 Jul (GAW); 60, Granite City (Madison), 21 Jul (DMK, IOS); 48, Kankakee, 14 Jul (JHH).

Eurasian Collared-Dove

Breeding: nw Chi (carrying nest material to blue spruce), Jul (CMi); Galesburg Apt (Knox Co), (2 cop), 17 Jul (JM). **MC: 225**, Granite City (Madison Co), 21 Jul (DMK, KAM, IOS); 8, Carthage (Hancock Co), 26-27 Jun (SDB); 8, Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 28 Jul (AGD); 5, Metropolis (Massac Co), 6 Jun (SDB); 4, Elwood (Will Co), 29 Jul (MR); 4, Harristown_, 26 Jun (VMK). **Others**: MontroseH, 9 Jun (GAW); Atkinson (Henry Co), 9 Jun (CAT, TK); Cambridge (Henry Co), 21 Jul (CAT, TK); Kankakee, Jun/Jul (MGA); Aroma FP (Kankakee Co), 11 Jun (JHH); Rapatee (Knox Co), 1 Jul (JM); Williamsfield (Knox Co), 8 Jul (JM); Ipava (Fulton Co), 18 Jun (KAM); Hamilton (Hancock Co) (2), 27 Jun (SDB); Havana (Mason Co) (3), 20 Jun (SDB); *Mason*, 17 Jun (KAM); *Sangamon*, 29 Jun (UWG); Thomasboro (Champaign Co), 23 Jul (MGA); Jamestown_ (3), 2 Jun (DMK); Beaucoup_ (5), 1 Jun (DMK); Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); Carson Twp (Fayette Co) (2), 12 Jun (DMK); CarlL-C (2), 23 Jun (DMK); Ferrin (Clinton), 4 Jul (DMK); Alma Twp (Marion Co), 8 Jun (SDB); *Jefferson*, 27 Jun (DMK); Dudleyville_ (3), 3 Jun (DMK); *Perry*, 12 Jun (KAM); Sparta (Randolph Co) (3), 7 Jun (SDB, JWW); *Randolph* (2), 12 Jun (KAM); Grand Tower (Jackson Co), 10 Jun (DMK); Anna/Jonesboro (Union Co) (5 & 4), 23 & 19 Jun (KAM & SDB, JWW resp); *Pulaski* (2), 23 Jun (KAM).

Mourning Dove

Breeding: Kankakee (ad w/nest material), 30 May (JHH); SouthFm (9 nests), Jun/Jul (TD); St. Joseph (Champaign Co) (ad carrying nest material), 22 Aug (MPW). **MC**: 1200, Monterey Mine (Clinton Co), 27 Jul (DMK); 250, Galesburg Apt (Knox Co), 17 Jul (JM); 147, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 130, *Adams*, 28 Jul (AGD); 125, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 20 Jul (KAM); 120, CarlL-C, 4 Jul (DMK); 114, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 100, Harristown_, 26 Jun (VMK); 92, *Kane*, 9 Jul (DFS); 92, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 81, AllertonPk_, 25 Jun (BC); 80, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 26 Jul (LLH); 73, Stillwell_, 1 Jun (VMK); 68, PembrokeTwp, 9 Jun (DFS); 67, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 64, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 62, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 61, *Bureau*, 24 Jun (DFS); 60, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB); 60, Barnhill Twp (Wayne Co), 3 Jul (DMK); 60, MermetL, 24 Jun (KAM); 59, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 56, Athens_, 30 Jun (VMK); 50, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 48, MomenceWet, 28 May (JHH); 47, CampPoint_, 31 May (VMK).

Monk Parakeet

Breeding: Evanston, James Pk (Cook Co) (prs carrying nest material into cottonwoods), 16 Jun (CG); La Grange (Cook Co) (pr @ nest along RR tracks), 1 Jul (JP); Blue Island (Cook Co) (ad building nest), 31 May (WJM); Chi (12 nests & 21 ad incl some nest building, @ 7 locations) 13 Jan – 23 Jul (WJM); Chi (24 nests under road of Chi Skyway), 20 Jun (CAM); Burnham (Cook Co) (29 nests, 33 ad @ 2 locations) 2 & 5 Jun (WJM); William W. Powers CA (Cook Co) (3 nests & 4 ad), 30 Jun (WJM). **MC**: 59, LCal, 24 Jul (DFS); 32, Burnham (Cook Co), 5 Jun (WJM); 17, Berwyn (Cook Co), Jun (GN).

Black-billed Cuckoo

Breeding: Campton Hills Pk (St. Charles, Kane Co) (pr & juv), 4 Jul (PM). **Others**: ne *Stephenson* (2), 10 Jun (DTW); Pecatonica Wetlands (Winnebago Co), late-Jun (MPW); Rockford, 1 Jul (DTW); MoraineHills, 6 Jul (SDB); IBSP, 1 Jul (RP); RollinsSav, 2 Jun (SDB); Big Rock FP (Kane Co), 29 Jul (EES); Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co), 2 Jun (JC); HerrickL FP (DuPage Co), 3 Jun (SL, CL); Danada FP (DuPage Co), 9 Jul (PM); Downers Grove (DuPage Co), 17 Jun (REF); GreeneValFP, 9 Jun (JSm); Palos (Cap Sauers FP), 29 Jun (DJS); Des Plaines (Cook Co) (2), 15 Jun (ABA); Miller Meadow FP (Cook Co), 3 Jun (JSA); Chi (downtown), 26-27 Jul (ET:ph); JP, 28 Jul (KMC fide PRC); Munson Twp Cem Pra NP (Henry Co), 14 & 21 Jul (TAM & CAT, TK resp); *LaSalle*, 17 Jun (DJS); PembrokeTwp (2), 2 Jun (RDH); Stockland Twp (Iroquois Co) (3), 1 Jun (SDB); Fairmount (Vermilion Co), 11 Jul (JOS); Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); Red Hills SP (Lawrence Co), 5 Jun (JC); *Jefferson*, 14 Jun (DMK). **Note**: The one bird noted by DFS was "about normal" for recent years for number of sightings each summer.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Breeding: MidSav (pr cop), 15 Jun (RC); MBC (ad feeding fledgling), 30 Jun (MFr); MBC (ad carrying food), 14 Jul (MFr); Havana Twp (Mason Co) (ad on nest w/2 eggs), 21 Jun (SDB, JWW). **MC**: 15, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 14, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 14, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 12, e. *Woodford,* 9 Jun (EWW, MW); 12, BeanRidge, 6 Jun (RR); 12, Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co), 10 Jun (DMK); 10, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 10, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 10, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 9 (8 locations), LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB); 9, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 9, *Marion*, 7 Jun (DMK); 8 (4 locations), MoraineHills, 17 Jun & 6 Jul (SDB); 8, *Fayette*, 12 Jun (DMK); 8, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); 8, CaveVal, 27 May (RR); 7, Iroquois Co CA, 25 Jun (JHH); 6, RockCut, 3 Jun (DTW); 6, MBC, 8 Jun (MFr); 6 (3 @ each site), StumpL (Jersey Co) & SwanL (Calhoun Co), 15 Jul (KAM); 6, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co), 8 Jun (DMK); 6, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 5, GreeneValFP, 9 Jun (JSm); 5, HCP, 16 Jun (GAW); 5, MomenceWet, 28 May (JHH); 5, PembrokeTwp, 2 & 9 Jun (RDH, DFS resp); 5, KCP, 11 Jun (MGA); 5, KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA); 5, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 5, sw *White* & nw *Gallatin*, 20 Jun (SDB); 5, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co), 21 Jun (DJS); 4, Half Day Wds FP (Lake Co), 29 Jun (RP); 4, Miller Meadow FP (Cook Co), 3 Jun (JSA); 4, ShabbonaL SP (DeKalb Co), 22 Jul (DJS); 4, *Henry*, 21 Jul (CAT, TK); 4, Kankakee, 10 Jun (JHH); 4, Sonora Twp (Hancock Co), 28 Jun (SDB); 4, TwoRivers, 21 Jul (DMK, IOS); 4, CarlL-C, 4 Jul (DMK); 4, BurntPrairie_, 12 Jun (VMK); 4, *Johnson*, 22 Jun (DJS); LtlBlkSl, 23 Jul (DMK, KAM); 4, SouthRip, 28 May (RR). **Others**: Rockford (2), 1 Jul (DTW); GlacialPk (3), 29 Jun (MFl); Cotton Crk Marsh NP (McHenry Co), 7 Jul (SDB); COLSP, 4 Jul (EWW); IBSP, 25 Jun – 22 Jul (EWW); Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co), 29 Jul (EWW); RollinsSav, 10 Jun (SDB); Lake Forest OL (Lake Co), 25 Jun (EWW); MidSav, 20 Jul (JSS); LowdMil (3), 15 Jul (JC); MArb, 2 Jun (UWG); MontroseH, 29 Jul (KH); Kishwaukee SF&WA (DeKalb Co) ("several"), 30 Jun (MA); Danada FP (DuPage Co) (3), 9 Jul (PM); JP (2), 24 Jun (CBA fide PRC); Midewin (2), 10 Jun (DJS, UWG); BigBend, 30 Jun (EWW); Kenyon NP (Woodford Co) (3), 25 Jun (MW); Tomlin Timber NP (Mason Co) (3), 5 Jun (TVL); MidFork (3), 26 Jul (BC, et al.); Rock Springs CA (Macon Co) (3), 20 Jun (TVL); Martinsville_ (3), 29 Jun (SDB); Allendale (Wabash Co) (2), 31 May (SDB). **Late migrant?**: 22 Jun, MontroseH (GAW).

Note: "Best summer in last 22+ years, likely due to periodic cicada food supply" (EWW). "Much more common than recent years in June, with 33 versus an average over 7 years of 9 birds. July was normal with 8 versus an average of 9.4, possibly reflecting the presence of 17-year cicadas" early in the season (DFS).

Barn Owl

New Athens (St. Clair Co) (calling), 29 Jun (DMK); Mt. Erie (Wayne Co) (2), 1 Jun – 31 Jul (RS:ph).

Eastern Screech-Owl

Breeding: Glenview (Cook Co) (ad w/4 fledglings), 17 Jun (EG); CrystalL Pk, Urbana (ad w/3 fledglings), 5 May (BC, et al.). **Others**: Kenyon NP (Woodford Co), 25 Jun (MW); Kankakee, 27 Jun (JHH); Iroquois Co CA, 25 Jun (JHH); CarlL-C, 4 Jul (DMK); Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (2), 23 Jun (KAM).

Great Horned Owl

Breeding: Arlington Heights (Cook Co) (2 ad w/fledgling), 27 Apr (JBr); Pratt'sWW (ad w/one yg in Great Blue Heron nest within active rookery), 17 Apr (FA:ph); MArb (ad on nest 20 Jan; then w/one yg 15 Mar) (UWG, JK:ph, resp); Chi (Mt.Greenwood Cem) (2 downy yg outside nest cavity), 14 Mar (TV); SwallowCliff (ad w/downy yg), 13 May (WS); Fulton Twp (Whiteside Co) (ad on nest), 5-10 Mar (ASt); Clinton Twp (DeKalb Co) (ad on nest), 10 Mar (DJS); Dekalb, NIU Campus (Dekalb Co) (family of 4), 7 Apr (EC); Geneva (Kane Co) (ad on nest, then nest w/2 yg; fledged 14 Apr; next to downtown courthouse), 6 Jan – 14 Apr (DJS, JHe, EJM: ph); GreeneValFP (2 fledged yg), 3 Apr (JSm); Subat FP (Kendall Co) (1 nestling), 7 Apr (DJS); ne *LaSalle* (Sheridan to Wedron canoe trip) (juvs @ 2 locations along FoxR), 22 & 29 Apr (TK, m.ob.); Kankakee (family of 3), 29 Apr (JHH); Homer (Champaign Co) (nesting in Red-tailed Hawk nest of past 2 years), 7 Mar (JOS); Urbana (ad w/2 fledglings), 22 Mar (JE); CarlL-C (pr w/3 yg), 24 Mar (DMK). **MC**: 4 (2 pr), Durand (Winnebago Co), 10 Jun (DTW); 3, AllertonPk_, 25 Jun (BC). **Others**: Aurora West FP (Kane Co), 24 Jun (SAC); Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 22 Jun (RGB, SNB); Kell_ (2), 8 Jun (SDB); Silver Creek (St. Clair Co), 2 Jun (DMK); Columbia_ (2), 9 Jun (KAM); *Madison*, 15 Jun (KAM); Marion (Williamson Co), 19 Jul (DMK); *Johnson*, 23 Jul (KAM).

Barred Owl

Breeding: NachusaGr (juv begging), 26 May (EWW). **MC**: 6 (3 pr), UMRNWR, SpringL (Carroll Co), 14 Jun (SDB); 6, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 5, MBC, 29 Jul (MFr); 4, *Henry*, 21 Jul (CAT, TK); 4, Athens_, 30 Jun (VMK). **Others**: MArb, 8 Jul (JC, MBC); Palos, Cap Sauers FP (3), 10 Jun (JD); SpringL NP (Cook Co), 15 Jun (DAl); *Henry*, 9 Jun (CAT, TK); SiloamSpr (3), 29 Jun (AGD); CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (2), 23 Jun (KAM); LtlBlkSl, 19 Jul (DMK); BeanRidge, 6 Jun (RR); so. *Massac* (3 @ 2 locations), 6 Jun (SDB).

Common Nighthawk

MC: 16 (8 pr), Champaign-Urbana, Jun/Jul (SDB, MPW); 12 (8 locations), Havana (Mason Co), 20-21 Jun (SDB); 8, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 26 Jun (KAM); 6, Belleville (St. Clair Co), 28 Jul (DMK); 5, LaSalle, (LaSalle Co), 1 Aug (DJS); 4, CarlL-C, 23 Jun (DMK). **Others**: Deerfield (Lake Co) (2 locations), 1 Jul (JSa); East Dundee (Kane Co) (pr), Jun (EES); Downers Grove (DuPage Co), 12 Jun (REF); O'Hare Apt (Cook Co), 1 Jul (GAW); Oak Park (Cook Co) (3), 16 Jun – 29 Jul (JSA); Glen Ellyn (Du Page Co), 25 Jun (JR); Chi (4 incl pr, 3 locations) Jun (GAW); Somonauk (DeKalb Co) (3), Jul/early Aug (DJS); Kankakee (2), 30 May – 16 Jul (JHH); Atkinson (Henry Co), 9 Jun (CAT, TK); Nauvoo (Hancock Co), 26-27 Jun (SDB); Carthage (Hancock Co), 27 Jun (SDB); Paris (Edgar Co), 28 Jun (SDB); Troy (Madison) (2), 6 Jul (KAM); Marion (Williamson Co) (3), 22 Jun (KAM); ECapeGir (2), 23 Jun (KAM).

Chuck-will's-widow

Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (12), 23 Jun (KAM).

Whip-poor-will

Breeding: KCP (nest, later predated), 11 Jun (MGA). **MC**: 7 (territories), IBSP, May (EWW); 5, Palos, Cap Sauers FP, early Jun (JD). **Others**: Martinsville_ (2), 29 Jun (SDB); *Edwards* (2), 27 Jun (RS).

Chimney Swift

MC: 160, ESTL, 20 Jul (KAM); 150, MermetL, 31 Jul (DMK); 92, Kankakee, 14 Jul (JHH); 88, MBC, 7 Jul (MFr); 85, HL, 20 Jul (KAM); 75, MontroseH, 29 Jul (GAW); 56, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 45, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 40, Collinsville (Madison Co), 14 Jun (KAM); 40, Belleville (St. Clair Co), 28 Jul (DMK, TAM); 39, Oak Park (Cook Co), 22 Jul (JSA); 35, *Randolph*, 15 Jun (KAM); 30, Fairmont City (St. Clair Co), 2 Jun (DMK); 30, Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co), 10 Jun (DMK).

Great Crested Flycatcher pair at nest. 20 May 2007. Swallow Cliff Forest Preserve, Cook County. Photo by Wes Serafin.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Breeding: Rockford (female on nest, then disappeared; nest failed), 11 Jun – 3 Jul (DTW); MArb (female sitting on nest), 27 May (CBT, BT, JK:ph); HomerL (ad nest building), 12 Jun (BC, et al.). **MC**: 85 (banded; 3 returns), Valmeyer (Monroe Co), 15 Jun (VMK, TM); 61 (banded; 11 returns), Millstadt (St. Clair Co), 26 Jul (VMK); 55 & 25 (banded; 23 & 11 returns resp), w. Fulton Co, 5 Jul & 22 Jul (VMK, LW); 55 (banded; 5 returns), Fayetteville (St. Clair Co), 26 Jul (VMK); 50, 29, & 15 (banded; 16, 12 & 11 returns resp); New Salem Historic Site (Menard Co), 30 May, 20 Jun & 15 Jul resp (VMK, MH); 43 & 40 (banded; 1 & 1 return), TOT, 4 & 5 Aug (VMK, TM et al.); 29 & 20, so. Jackson Co, 30 Jul & 29 May resp (RR); 15, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 7, SiloamSpr, 29 Jun (AGD); 7, Beaver Dam SP (Macoupin Co), 29 Jun (UWG); 6, CarlL-C, 4 Jul (DMK); 6, SouthRip, 28 May (RR); 5, KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA); 5, TwoRivers (GilbertL), 9 Jun (MT). **Others**: Grant Wds FP (Lake Co) (male), 13 Jun (SDB); RollinsSav, 30 May (JSS); Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co) (male), 24 Jun (EWW); IBSP (male), 17 Jun (EWW); Lake Bluff OL (Lake Co) (male), 25 Jun (EWW); River Forest (Cook Co) (3), 8 Jun – 31 Jul (JSA); JP (ad male repeatedly @ same perch), 23 May – 15 Jul (KMC, PRC, m.ob.); LCal (3), 10 Jun (WJM, CAM, PAD); Kankakee (3), 1 Jun – 16 Jul (JHH).

Belted Kingfisher

Breeding: NPM (Lake Co) (pr @ nest hole), 21 Apr (PWS); JPPSP (2 ad w/3 juv), 14 Jul (PM); West DuPage Wds FP (DuPage Co) (2 ad w/2 juv), 11 Jul (PM); Prophetstown SNA (Whiteside Co) (ad carrying food), 27 May (EWW); Kankakee (4-6; family group), 3 Jul – 2 Aug (JHH). **MC**: 5, MermetL, 24 Jun (KAM); 4, East Alton (Madison Co), 7 Jul (DMK); 3, Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 26 Jul (RGB, SNB); 2, HL, 1 Jul (UWG); 2, LDDP, 27 Jul (TAM).

Red-headed Woodpecker

Breeding: GlacialPk (entering nest cavity), mid-Jun (MFl); MoraineHills ("pr nesting"), 30 Jun (MFl); Zion (Lake Co) (nest), Jun/Jul (EWW); Bluff Spring Fen NP (Cook Co) (pr feeding yg @ nest), 2 Jul (AK); Chi (Ronan Pk) (pr excavating nest hole), 16 Jun (CG); Bergman Slough Pr (Cook Co) (2 yg), 7 Jul (WS); Goodenow Grove NP (Will Co) (5 pr; 4 nests, 2 w/1+ fledglings, 1 nest failed), mid-Jun (EJM:ph); McKinley Wds FP (Will Co) (pr feeding yg @ nest), 22 Jul (JJ); Kankakee (pr cop & entering tree cavity), 20 & 27 Jun (JHH); RiverBend (nest w/yg), 7 May (BC, et al.); MidFork (imm), 26 Jul (BC, et al.). **MC**: 25 & 24, PembrokeTwp, 9 & 2 Jun (DFS, RDH resp); 12, MomenceWet, 28 May (JHH); 10, Kankakee, 10 Jun (JHH); 9, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 6, CampPoint_, 31 May (VMK); 6, Carson Twp (Fayette Co), 12 Jun (DMK); 5, Iroquois Co CA, 25 Jun (JHH); 5, New Salem Twp (McDonough Co), 26 Jun (SDB); 5, Quincy Bottoms (Adams Co), 23 Jun (AGD); 5, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 5, Jefferson, 14 Jun (DMK); 4 locations, *Henry*, 9 Jun (CAT, TK); 4, KankakeeR SP (Will Co), 7 Jun (JHH); 4, Hancock Twp (Hancock Co), 27 Jun (SDB); 4, TwoRivers, 7 Jul (DMK); 4, Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co), 10 Jun (DMK); 3, Evanston (Cook Co), 30 May (fide SDB); 3, Rock Springs CA (Macon Co), 20 Jun (TVL); 3, CarlL-C, 23 Jun (DMK); 3, *Marion*, 25 Jun (DMK); 3, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co), 15 Jun (KAM). **Others**: IBSP (2), Jun/Jul (EWW); AlmondM, 30 May (JSS); HCP (2), 16 Jun (GAW); Middleport Twp (Iroquois Co) (pr), 20 Jun (PM); Sonora Twp (Hancock Co) (2 locations), 28 Jun (SDB); S.M. Bellrose (Logan CO), 15 Jun (TVL); Mettler Wds NP (DeWitt Co) (3), 15 & 25 Jun (TVL); AllertonPk_(2), 25 Jun (BC); *Pike* (2), 15 Jul (KAM); StumpL (Jersey Co) (2), 15 Jul (KAM); Kell_(2), 8 Jun (SDB); PineHills (2), 23 Jun (KAM); MermetL (2), 24 Jun (KAM). **NBSO**: JP, 21 Jun (KMC fide PRC). **Note**: "Found on only 4 of 11 USGS Breeding Bird Survey routes" (VMK), in central and southern Illinois.

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Breeding: Rockford (pr carrying food to nest), 4 Jul (DTW); Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (ad feeding yg), 22 May (EWW); MBC (fledgling), 1 Jul (MFr); LWds (ad w/juvs), 25 Jul (BC, et al.). **MC**: 20, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 20, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 20, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 19, Palos, 29 Jun (DFS); 18, Athens_, 30 Jun (VMK); 18, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 16, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 15, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 15, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 14, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 14, BurntPrairie_, 12 Jun (VMK); 13, CampPoint_, 31 May (VMK); 13, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 12, RollinsSav, 2 Jun – 3 Jul (SDB); 12, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 12, CaveVal, 27 May (RR); 11, KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA); 10, MoraineHills, 17 Jun & 6 Jul (SDB); 9, BeanRidge, 6 Jun (RR); 8, Rock Springs CA (Macon Co), 20 Jun (TVL); 8, *Fayette*, 12 Jun (DMK);8, *Marion*, 7 Jun (DMK); 8, SouthRip, 28 May (RR).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

Breeding: UMRNWR (SpringL parking lot; ad calling near nest cavity), 19 May (SDB, IOS); UMRNWR (nest near bike trail @ upper SpringL; pr feeding 3+ yg in dead willow cavity leaning across trail), 14 Jun (SDB). **MC**: 7 ad (5 locations), LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB); 7 (2 pr & 3 yg), SpringL (Carroll Co), 14 Jun (SDB). **Other**: L&D 13, 9 Jun (EC).

Downy Woodpecker

Breeding: LCal (ads @ yg), 10 Jun (WJM, CAM, PAD); BuseyWds (nest w/yg), 27 May (BC, et al.). **MC**: 24, Palos, 29 Jun (DFS); 18, LCal, 10 Jun (WJM, CAM, PAD); 10, Hancock Twp (Hancock Co), 27 Jun (SDB); 8, BuseyWds, 27 May (BC, et al.); 7, MoraineHills, 17 Jun & 6 Jul (SDB); 7, Kankakee, 28 Jun & 3 Jul (JHH); 6, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM). **Other**: JP (6), 15 Jul (PRC).

Hairy Woodpecker

Breeding: Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (ad feeding yg), 22 May (EWW); River Forest (Cook Co) (successful backyard nest), Jun/Jul (JSA); JP (pr bringing food to nest), 18 Jun (later fledged one yg 27 Jun) (PRC, KMC) - **1st nest record for park and rare Chicago lakefront breeder!**; Quincy (Adams Co) (pr w/juv), 7 Jun (AGD); BuseyWds (nest w/yg), 27 May (BC, et al.). **MC**: 5, Palos, 29 Jun (DFS); 4, River Forest (Cook Co), 2 Jul (JSA); 4, MomenceWet, 28 May (JHH); 4, Roek Springs CA (Macon Co), 20 Jun (TVL).

Northern Flicker

Breeding: MidSav (2 families), 20 Jul (JSS); Kankakee (pr cop), 30 Apr (JHH); HomerL (fledglings), 24 Jul (BC, et al.). **MC**: 17, Palos, 29 Jun (DFS); 17, HennepinL, 3 Jul (DFS); 14, RollinsSav, 1 Jun – 3 Jul (SLD, SDB); 11, Kankakee, 16 Jul (JHH); 10, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 7, HCP, 16 Jun (GAW); 7, Iroquois Co CA, 25 Jun (JHH); 7, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB); 7, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 6, LostMound, 9 Jun (VMK et al.); 6, MoraineHills, 17 Jun & 6 Jul (SDB); 6, CarlL-C, 4 Jul (DMK); 5, Fort Sheridan FP (Lake Co), 6 Jul (RP); 5, *Cass*, 21 Jun (TVL); 5, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 5, *Marion*, 21 Jun (DMK); 4, GreenR CA (Lee Co), 9 Jun (VMK et al.); 4, Hancock Twp (Hancock Co), 27 Jun (SDB). **Note**: "Declining in recent years" (PRC).

Pileated Woodpecker

Breeding: Palos (Swallow Cliff FP) (2 ad w/juv), 29 Jun (DFS); Banner (Fulton Co) (pr entering nest cavity in sycamore), 29 Apr (KR). **MC**: 12, CaveVal, 27 May (RR); 12, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 6, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 5, SouthRip, 28 May (RR); 5, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 3, SpringL (Carroll Co), 14 Jun (SDB); 3, Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 28 Jul (AGD); 3, SiloamSpr, 29 Jun (AGD); 3, Wildcat Bluff NP (Johnson Co), 23 Jul (KAM). **Others**: LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB); BigBend (pr), 30 Jun (EWW); Lowden SP (Ogle Co), 13 May (EWW); MomenceWet (2), 28 May (JHH); Rock Springs CA (Macon Co), 6 & 20 Jun (TVL).

Eastern Kingbird. Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County. 7 July 2007. Photo by Eric Walters.

Eastern Wood-Pewee

Breeding: GlacialPk (nest building), mid-Jun (MFl); Kankakee (LeVasseur Pk) (ad on nest), 10 Jun (JHH); Carmi (White Co) (ad feeding yg @ nest), 12 Jun (VMK). **MC**: 30, KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA); 29, Palos, 21 Jun (DFS); 27, LowdMil, 4 Aug (DFS); 18, BeanRidge, 6 Jun (RR); 16, CaneyCr, 26 May (RR); 15, Rock Springs CA (Macon Co), 20 Jun (TVL); 15, *Fayette*, 12 Jun (DMK); 14, Mackinaw, 9 Jun (MFr); 13, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 12, LtlBlkSl, 23 Jul (DMK, KAM); 11, Wildcat Bluff NP (Johnson Co), 23 Jul (KAM); 10, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 9, LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB); 9, MomenceWet, 28 May (JHH); 9, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 8, SouthRip, 28 May (RR); 7, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 7, *Marion*, 7 Jun (DMK); 6, HCP, 16 Jun (GAW); 6, Hancock Twp (Hancock Co), 27 Jun (SDB); 6, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 6, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co), 8 Jun (DMK).

Acadian Flycatcher

Breeding: Ft. Massac SP (Massac Co) (mostly completed nest), 6 Jun (SDB). **MC**: 37, CaneyCr, 26 May (RR); 33, SouthRip, 28 May (RR); 21, BeanRidge, 6 Jun (RR); 18, CaveVal, 27 May (RR); 16, KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA); 15, *Fayette*, 12 Jun (DMK); 11, PineHills, 15 Jun (KAM); 11, Wildcat Bluff NP (Johnson Co), 23 Jul (KAM); 8, LowdMil, 4 Aug (DFS); 8, MermetL, 10 Jun (DMK); 7, Mackinaw, 9 Jun (MFr); 7 (males), FoxRidge, 5 Jun (JC); 6, Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co), 24 Jun (KAM); 6 (4 males), Ft. Massac SP (Massac Co), 6 Jun (SDB); 5 & 3, MomenceWet, 28 May & 9 Jun (JHH, RDH resp); 5, Rock Springs CA (Macon Co), 12 Jun (TVL); 5, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 23 Jun (KAM). **Other**: KishwaukeeR FP (Winnebago Co) (male), 20 Jul (EC); RockCut, 3 Jun (DTW); Rockford (Anna Page Pk), 13 Jun – 21 Jul (DTW); COLSP, 4 Jul (EWW) – "only location found in last 2 summers in *Lake*; locally rare"; LowdMil (4 males), 10 Jun (VMK); GreeneValFP, 6 Jun – 22 Jul (MM, JSm, UWG); Springbrook Pra FP (DuPage Co) (singing male; not present earlier), 7 Jul (JSu); Iroquois Co CA, 25 Jun (JHH); LWds, 14 Jun (BC, et al.). **Late migrant**: 13 Jun, JP (male) (PRC).

Alder Flycatcher

Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co) (2), 21 Jul (JSS); Sun Lake FP (Lake Co) (male), 14 Jun (SDB); IBSP (2 males), 10 & 25 Jun (AFS, EWW resp); Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co), 17-25 Jun (EWW); RollinsSav (male), 10 Jun (AFS); GreeneValFP, 9 Jun (JSm).

Willow Flycatcher

Breeding: MontroseH (ad feeding fledgling), 21 Jul (GAW). **MC**: 22, GreeneValFP, 9 Jun (JSm); 13, Miller Meadow FP (Cook Co), 3 Jun (JSA); 11 (males), RollinsSav, 1 Jun – 7 Jul (SLD, SDB); 9, Warren & Waukegan Twps (Lake Co), 3 & 16 Jun (SDB); 9, GLPSP, 9 Jun (MW); 8, CarlL-F, 28 Jul (DMK); 7 (6 males), AlmondM, 3-16 Jun (SDB); 6 (5 males), *Lake*, 14 Jun (SDB); 5 (4 males), Bates Fen NP (McHenry Co), 12 Jun – 7 Jul (SDB); 5 (4 males), Singing Hills FP (Lake Co), 12 Jun (SDB); 5 (males), Beaubien Wds FP (Cook Co), 12 Jun (DFS); 5, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB). **Others**: MoraineHills (4 males), 17 Jun & 6 Jul (SDB); Lake in the Hills Fen NP (McHenry Co) (3 males), 9 Jun (TAM); Cotton Crk Marsh NP (McHenry Co) (2 males), 12 Jun (SDB); GriswoldL (3, 2 males), 17 Jun (SDB); BigBend (3 territories), 30 Jun (EWW); Loda PHA (Iroquois Co) (3 males), 30 May (SDB); New Salem Twp (McDonough Co) (2 males), 26 Jun (SDB); LWds (4; 2 pr), Jun/Jul (BC et al.); Herschel Workman PHA (Vermilion Co) (2 males), 30 May (SDB); Grassy Slough Pr (Johnson Co) (2), 22 Jun (KAM).

Least Flycatcher

Breeding: Song Bird Slough FP (DuPage Co) (ad feeding yg cowbird), 7 Jul (ABA, CVW). **Others**: Ridott (Stephenson Co), 9 Jun (DTW); MoraineHills (singing male), 17 Jun (SDB); Nippersink FP (Lake Co) (2 countersinging males), 14 Jun (SDB, MPW); NachusaGr, 9 Jun (REF); GreeneValFP (male), 11-18 Jun (MM); LCal (Hegewisch Marsh) (singing male), 10 Jun (WJM) – male summered @ same location 2006; Green Oaks FS (Knox Co) (male), 18-21 Jun (JM); KankakeeR SP (Will Co), 21 Jun (JHH). **NBSO**: JP, 15 Jul (PRC); Galesburg (Knox Co) (in town; migrant?), 18 Jul (JM).

Eastern Phoebe

Breeding: Rockford (2 successful clutches), season (DTW); Ryerson FP (Lake Co) (pr near nest w/3 yg), 27 May (JSS); Sannauk FP (DeKalb Co) (ad nest building), 21 Apr (DJS); McClaughry Springs FP (Cook Co) (2 successful nests), Jul (WS); SwallowCliff FP (Cook Co) (nest), Jul (WS); Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (nest), 27 May (EWW); Lockport (Will Co) (pr feeding nestlings), 1 Jul (GAW); MeadbrkPk (ad w/fledgling), 2 Jul (BSl); MeadbrkPk (pr feeding fledgling), 17 Aug (CA); Urbana (CrystalL Pk) (ad feeding cowbird fledgling), 27 May (HP); MidFork (used nest), 18 Jun (BC et al.); HomerL (used nest), 12 Jun (BC et al.); LWds (pr @ nest), May (BC et al.). **MC**: 8, Palos, 21 Jun (DFS); 8, Kankakee, 9 Jun (JHH); 8, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 8, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 8, CarlL-C, 4 Jul (DMK); 7, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 5, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 4 (2 pr), Rockford (Anna Page Pk), 1 Jul (DTW); 4, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 4, Little Grand Canyon (Jackson Co), 10 Jun (KAM).

Great Crested Flycatcher

Breeding: SwallowCliff (pr carrying nest material @ nest cavity), 20 May (WS). **MC**: 21, Palos, 29 Jun (DFS); 18, KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA); 14 (7 pr), RollinsSav, 1 Jun – 7 Jul (SLD); 14, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 13, MomenceWet, 28 May (JHH); 13, PembrokeTwp, 2 Jun (RDH); 13, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 11, Rock Springs CA (Macon Co), 12 Jun (TVL); 11, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 9, Kankakee, 1 Jun (JHH); 8, Mackinaw, 9 Jun (MFr); 8, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 7, CampPoint_, 31 May (VMK); 6, MissPalis, 9 Jun (VMK et al.); 6 (territories), KCP, Jun (MGA); 6, BurntPrairie_, 12 Jun (VMK); 5, Tomlin Timber NP (Mason Co), 1 Jun (TVL); 5, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM).

Western Kingbird

ESTL (2), 28 Jul (ASi fide DMK); Granite City (Madison) (4), 21 Jul (KAM, IOS).

Eastern Kingbird

Breeding: MidSav (3 families), 20 Jul (JSS); Palos (nest in Jewel parking lot), 7 Jul (WS); OrlandGr (3 nests), Jun (WS); JP (begging fledgling), 28 Jul (PRC); Kankakee (carrying nest material 10 & 19 Jun then 2 families 16 Jul) (JHH); MBC (family group), 30 Jun (MFr); LWds (pr feeding yg @ nest), 24 Jun (CA); RiverBend (ad @ nest), 11 Jun (BC et al.); Herschel Workman PHA (Vermilion Co) (nest building), 30 May (SDB). **MC**: 22 & 18, Midewin, 10 Jun & 15 Jul (DJS, GAW resp); 21, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 17, LCal, 24 Jun (DFS); 16, CarlL-C, 4 Jul (DMK); 15, HCP, 16 Jun (GAW); 15, *Grundy*, 30 Jun (DFS); 15, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 14,

GLPSP, 9 Jun (MW); 14, *Bond*, 3 Jun (DMK); 13, GreeneValFP, 9 Jun (JSm); 13, JP, 28 Jul (PRC); 13, *Pike*, 15 Jul (KAM); 12, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB); 12, ESTL, 21 Jul (DMK); 12, HL, 20 Jul (KAM); 12, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 12, MermetL, 31 Jul (DMK); 10, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 9, BurntPrairie_, 12 Jun (VMK); 8, John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 2 Jun (CBT, BT); 8, Kankakee, 30 May (JHH); 8, MBC, 8 Jun (MFr); 6, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 6, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 6, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK).

[FORK-TAILED FLYCATCHER

IBSP, **7 Jun.]**

Loggerhead Shrike

Breeding: Midewin (ad @ nest), 1 Jul (JB); *Woodford* (juv), 28 Jun (JC). **MC**: 9 (4 locations), *Jasper*, 2 Jul (RS); 8 (4 locations), *Clinton*, 13 Jun - 27 Jul (DMK); 3 (ad), LostMound, 9 Jun (VMK et al.). **Others**: *Henry* (2), 7 Jul (AFS); ne *Warren*, 14 Jul (JM); Palestine Twp (Woodford Co) (2), 25-26 Jun (MW); Easton (Mason Co), 29 Jun (MPW); Vance Twp (Vermilion Co), 8 Jun (JOS); Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); Barnhill Twp (Wayne Co), 22 Jun (DMK); Miller City (Alexander Co), 31 Jul (DMK).

White-eyed Vireo

MC: 22, CaveVal, 27 May (RR); 22, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 16, SouthRip, 28 May (RR); 11, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 8, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 8, MermetL, 10 Jun (DMK); 6 (males), KCP, 11 Jun (MGA); 6, Pomona, 19 Jul (DMK); 6, BeanRidge, 6 Jun (RR); 5, LtlBlkSl, 23 Jul (KAM). **Others**: MissPalis (male), 9 Jun (VMK et al.); Rockford (Anna Page Pk), 4-15 Jul (DTW); Half Day Wds FP (Lake Co) (singing male), 29 Jun (RP); LowdMil (2 males), 10 Jun (VMK et al.); GreeneValFP (2), 9 Jun - 22 Jul (MM); Palos, Cap Sauers FP, 10 Jun (JD); OrlandGr, 10 Jun (DJS); Kankakee (2), 1 Jun (JHH); PembrokeTwp, 2 Jun (RDH); Fall Creek (Adams Co) (2-3), 9 Jun – 16 Jul (AGD); RiverBend, 11 Jun (BC et al.); Beaucoup_ (3), 1 Jun (DMK).

Bell's Vireo

Breeding: GLPSP (nest w/3 eggs, 1 nestling), 9 Jun (MW). **MC**: 4, GLPSP, 9 Jun (MW); 4 & 3, PembrokeTwp, 2 & 9 Jun (RDH, DFS resp); 4 (territories), Charleston (Coles Co), 16 Jul, but present 29 May – 6 Aug (LBH). **Others**: Rockford (Anna Page Pk), 15 Jul (DTW); NachusaGr (male), 26 May (EWW); Aurora West FP (Kane Co) (male), 24 Jun (SAC); BigBend (male), 27 May – 30 Jun (EWW); HerrickL FP (DuPage Co), 3 Jun (SL, CL); Fermi (2), 3 Jun (UWG); GreeneValFP (male), 6 Jun - 22 Jul w/2 males 16-24 Jun) (AFS, MM, UWG); LCal (Hegewisch Marsh) (male), 10 Jun (WJM); Midewin (3), 10 Jun & 15 Jul (DJS, GAW resp); Braidwood (Will Co) (3), 10 Jun (DFS); *Henry* (3), 9 Jun (CAT, TK); Victoria (Knox Co) (2), 20 Jun (JM); Laura (Peoria Co) (male), 14 Jul (TAM); BannerMarsh (3), 5 Jul (JHH); Kankakee, 20 Jun (JHH); RiverBend, 30 Jun (BC et al.); St. Joseph (Champaign Co), 17 Jul (MPW); KCP (male), Jun/Jul (MGA); Spunky Bottoms Pr (Brown Co) (3 pr), mid-Jun (MPW); *Edgar* (2), 19 Jun (DMK); *Effingham*, 25 Jun (DMK); ESTL (2), 9 Jun & 21 Jul (DMK & KAM, IOS resp); HL, 21 Jul (IOS fide DMK); Kell_ (2 males), 8 Jun (SDB); Sauget, 15 Jun (KAM); Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); CarlL-F (2), 23 Jun (DMK); *Jefferson*, 14 Jun (DMK).

Yellow-throated Vireo

Breeding: Fermi (family group), 15 Jul (JSu). **MC:** 7 (males), LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB); 6, LowdMil, 10 & 16 Jun (VMK et al. & DFS, IOS resp); 6 (males), Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co), 2 Jun (JC); 6, HennepinL, 3 Jul (DFS); 6 (males), Indian Creek Twp (White Co), 20 Jun (SDB); 5, HCP, 16 Jun (GAW); 5 (males), Hancock Twp (Hancock Co), 27 Jun (SDB); 5 (males), KCP, 11 Jun (MGA); 4 (males), MoraineHills, 17 Jun (SDB); 4, Palos, 29 Jun (DFS); 4, MomenceWet, 28 May (JHH); 4, Mackinaw, 9 Jun (MFr); 4, MBC, 1 Jul (MFr); 4, PineHills, 15 Jun (KAM); 4, SouthRip, 28 May (RR). **Others:** COLSP (2), 4 Jul (EWW); IBSP (male), 17-25 Jun (EWW); RollisSav (2 males), 1 Jun – 1 Jul (SLD, SDB); Half Day Wds FP (Lake Co) (3), 29 Jun (RP); Iroquois Co CA (3), 25 Jun (JHH); Fall Creek (Adams Co) (3), 23 Jun (AGD); Athens_ (3), 30 Jun (VMK); Rock Springs CA (Macon Co) (3), 6 & 12 Jun (TVL); BeanRidge (3), 6 Jun (RR); BeaverDam_ (3), 13 Jun (VMK); Wildcat Bluff NP (Johnson Co) (3), 23 Jul (KAM); Belknap_ (3), 14 Jun (VMK).

Warbling Vireo

Breeding: Chi (Columbus Pk) (juv begging from ad), 17 Jun (EG); Arlington Heights (Cook Co) ("many carrying nest material"), 21 May (JBr); JP (yg), 15 Jul (KMC fide PRC); JP (ad feeding cowbird fledgling), 24 Jul (fide PRC). **MC**: **105** (singing males), along 10.8 mile census route @ Chau, 25 May (RGB, SNB); 26 (22 males), LCal, 10 Jun (WJM, CAM, PAD); 23, Beaubien Wds FP (Cook Co), 12 Jun (DFS); 21, HCP, 16 Jun (GAW); 17 (16 singing), JP, 28 May (PRC); 12, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 11, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 10, so. *Massac*, 6 Jun (SDB); 9, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 9, BurntPrairie_, 12 Jun (VMK); 9, HLCA, 15 Jun (KAM); 8, Sonora Twp (Hancock Co), 28 Jun (SDB); 8, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 8, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 8, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 8, MermetL, 10 Jun (DMK); 7, Kankakee, 1 Jun (JHH); 7, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 7, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 6, UMRNWR, SpringL, 8 Jun (VMK et al.); 6, MomenceWet, 28 May (JHH); 6, Stillwell_, 1 Jun (VMK); 6, PereMar, 15 Jul (KAM); 6, ESTL, 9 Jun (DMK); 6, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); 6, CarlL-C, 5 Jun (DMK); 5 (males), RollinsSav, 1 Jun – 7 Jul (SLD, SDB); 5, GreeneValFP, 9 Jun (JSm); 5, MBC, 8 Jun (MFr); 5 (males), Hancock Twp (Hancock Co), 27 Jun (SDB). **Other**: Galesburg (Knox Co) (singing male; atypical habitat in town; migrant?), 14 Jul (JM).

Red-eyed Vireo

Breeding: Chi (Lincoln Pk) (pr feeding cowbird), 29 Jul (KH); Arlington Heights (Cook Co) ("two carrying nest material"), 21 May (JBr). **MC**: 35, Palos, 29 Jun (DFS); 19, PineHills, 15 Jun (KAM); 16, CaveVal, 27 May (RR); 13, BeanRidge, 6 Jun (RR); 12 (males), RedwingSl, 14 Jun (SDB); 12, Mackinaw, 9 Jun (MFr); 12, KankakeeR SP (Will Co), 21 Jun (JHH); 12, KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA); 10, Rock Springs CA (Macon Co), 12 & 20 Jun (TVL); 10, CaneyCr, 26 May (RR); 9, MomenceWet, 28 May (JHH); 9, *Fayette*, 12 Jun (DMK). **Others**: JP (males; on territory?), 6 Jun – 5 Jul (PRC); Galesburg (Knox Co) (singing male; atypical habitat in town; migrant?), 18 Jul (JM).

Blue Jay

Breeding: Kankakee (9, one carrying food), 29 Jun (JHH); MBC (2 fledglings), 1 Jul (MFr); Sherman Twp (Mason Co) (ad feeding 2 juv), 21 Jun (SDB). **MC**: 36, Palos, 29 Jun (DFS); 26, MBC, 8 Jun (MFr); 22, Sonora Twp (Hancock Co), 28 Jun (SDB); 18, LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB); 18, RollinsSav, 3 Jul (SDB); 18, CampPoint_, 31 May (VMK); 17, Havana & Sherman Twps (Mason Co), 21 Jun (SDB); 17, Athens_, 30 Jun (VMK); 17, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 16, *Marion*, 21 Jun (DMK); 15, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 14, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 13, CarlL, 29 Jul (KAM); 13, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 13, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 12, Iroquois Co CA, 25 Jun (JHH); 12, KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA); 12, BurntPrairie_, 12 Jun (VMK); 12, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 10, River Forest (Cook Co), 28 Jul (JSA); 10, *Cass*, 13 Jun (TVL); 10, CarlL-F, 28 Jul (DMK, TAM).

American Crow

Breeding: NoP (family group), season (GAW). **MC**: 46, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 46, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 44, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 41, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 38, Athens_, 30 Jun (VMK); 35, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 30, CarlL-C, 4 Jul (DMK); 28, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 22, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB); 20, LowdMil, 10 Jun (VMK et al.); 19, Bureau, 24 Jun (DFS); 16, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 16, MermetL, 31 Jul (DMK); 12, Kankakee, 2 Aug (JHH); 12, TwoRivers, 7 Jul (DMK); 12, HL, 8 Jul (DMK, ASe); 10, Midewin, 15 Jul (GAW). **Note**: JP (population about stable; family groups Jun/Jul (PRC).

Fish Crow

MC: 14, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 8, CaveVal, 27 May (RR). **Others**: Quincy Bay (Adams Co) (3), 20 Jun (AGD); TwoRivers (3), 17 Jul (DMK); ESTL (2), 9 Jun (DMK); Alorton (St. Clair Co), 16 Jun (DMK); St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); SwanL (Calhoun Co), 21 Jul (KAM); Ft. Massac SP (Massac Co) (2), 6 Jun (SDB, JWW). **Inland Records**: CarlL-C (3), 27 Jul (DMK).

Horned Lark

Breeding: *Fulton* (nest w/3 eggs), 12 Apr (LLH); Hanna City (Peoria Co) (2 nests w/ 1 & 2 yg), 6 Jun (LLH); Vance Twp (Vermilion Co) (2 newly fledged yg), 24 Apr (JOS). **MC**: 200, CarlL-C, 4 Jul (DMK); 111, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 62, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB); 59, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 55, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); 54, Momence sod farms (Kankakee Co), 15 Jul (JHH); 40, *Alexander*, 10 Jun (DMK); 36, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 33, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 31, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 28, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 21, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 16, AllertonPk_, 25 Jun (BC).

Purple Martin

Breeding: Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (8+ birds in martin houses), 4 Jul (JSS); JP (46 @ martin houses), 3 Jun (CBA fide PRC); 60 (in 6

boxes), Mahomet (Champaign Co), season (JCo); MeadbrkPk (2 pr @ nests), season (BC et al.); New Athens (St. Clair Co) (30, nesting colony), 29 Jun (DMK); CarlL-C (200, nesting colony), 23 Jun (DMK). **MC**: 400, Griggsville (Pike Co), 17 Jul (DMK); 80, Monterey Mine (Clinton Co), 27 Jul (DMK); 67, JP, 29 Jul (PRC); 51, HennepinL, 24 Jun (DFS); 30, HL, 21 Jul (KAM); 25, Omaha (Gallatin Co), 20 Jun (SDB); 21, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 20, TwoRivers, 21 Jul (DMK); 20, Pomona, 19 Jul (DMK); 19, Campton Hills Pk (St. Charles, Kane Co), 30 Jun (DTW); 17, MontroseH, 28 Jun (GAW); 16, HCP, 16 Jun (GAW). **Note**: JP (growing population at houses erected in 2002) (PRC).

[BROWN-CHESTED MARTIN

Grundy (Collins Generating Plant), 30 Jun.] Potential first state record. If accepted by the IORC, this would only be the fourth accepted record for the ABA area, joining records from Arizona, Massachusetts, and New Jersey.

Tree Swallow

Breeding: OrlandGr (6 successful prs in nest boxes), Jun (WS); JP (nest with 2 lg nestlings), 8 Jul (PRC); Aroma FP (Kankakee Co) (ads @ 2 nest boxes), 11 Jun (JHH); Kankakee (3 pr @ boxes 20 Jun, & ad w/juv there 28 Jun) (JHH); MBC (2 nests in bluebird boxes; 1 successful), Jun/Jul (MFr); *Champaign* (nest building), 16 Apr (CA); MeadbrkPk (pr @ nest w/yg), 8 Jun (BC et al.). **MC**: 700, CarlL-B, 28 Jul (DMK, TAM); 400, Miller City (Alexander Co), 31 Jul (DMK); 120, RendL, 31 Jul (DMK); 110, *Grundy*, 30 Jun (DFS); 80, MermetL, 31 Jul (DMK); 40, TwoRivers, 21 Jul (DMK); 40, GLPSP, 1 Jul (DMK); 39, *Grundy*, 30 Jun (GAW); 38, BannerMarsh, 5 Jul (JHH).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Breeding: Chi (Ronan Pk), (carrying nest material), 16 Jun (CG); JP (3 nest sites w/7 pr), season (PRC); Kankakee (pr cop), 26 Jun (JHH); MBC (7-10 burrow colony), 30 Jun (MFr); HomerL (3 pr @ nests), 6 May (BC et al.); Carson Twp (Fayette Co) (12 ad @ nesting colony), 12 Jun (DMK); ESTL (12 ad @ nesting colony), 9 Jun (DMK). **MC**: 300, Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 20 Jul (AGD); 100, SwanL (Calhoun Co), 21 Jul (KAM); 58, Kankakee, 3 Jul (JHH); 50, JP, 20 Jul ((KMC fide PRC); 44, MontroseH, 16 Jul (GAW). **Other**: GreeneValFP (leucistic bird), 15 Jul (JSm).

Bank Swallow

Breeding: Rockford (Apt quarry) (73 active nests), May-Jul (DTW); Northwestern Landfill (Cook Co) (35-45 nests), 22 Jun (fide SDB); JP (20 at nest colony), 25 May (PRC); LCal (golf course) (50 ad @ nest colony), 13 Jun (WJM); HCP (17, most @ nest colony), 16 Jun (GAW); RiverBend (50 @ nests; only known nesting colony in county), 11 Jun (BC et al.); Schun Bend, WabashR (Wabash Co) (colony of 100), 22 Jul (LH). **MC**: 5000 (one flock), Oak Bluff Savanna NP (Marshall Co), 26 Jul (MB); 150, Quincy Bay (Adams Co), 26 Jun (AGD); 130, *Tazewell*, 24 Jun (DFS); 100, *Wabash* (see above); 70, CarlL-F, 27 Jul (DMK); 50, SwanL (Calhoun Co), 15 Jul (KAM); 48, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB).

Cliff Swallow

Breeding: Hanover (Jo Daviess Co) (15 pr @ bridge colony), 14-15 Jun (SDB); Savanna (Carroll Co) (100+ nests), 18 May (UWG); Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (14 birds nest building), 4 Jul (JSS); CBG (10+ birds, 2 on nests, others nest building), 21 May (SDB, SLD); 42 birds (4 nest building 6 Jun, w/30 nests; ad feeding yg 20 Jul), Northwestern Landfill (Cook Co), (LM:ph); 50 birds (bridge colony), Elgin (Kane Co), Jun (EES); Arlington Heights (Busse Lk dam; colony), Jun/Jul (CMi); HiddenL FP (DuPage Co) ("breeding"), season (REF); Cal Sag Channel (bridge) (15 nests), 28 May (WS); Chi (Burnham H) (pr building nest), 11 Jun (DFS); JP (64th St beach) (10 nests, ads building), late May (later destroyed) (PRC); JP (Wooded Island – 2 sites, w/22 ad & 33 nests & juv), 17 Jun – 2 Jul (PRC); JP (bridge) (8 ad @16 nests 17 Jun, then 32 birds incl yg 25 Jul) (PRC); *Bureau* (3 colonies w/ at least 145 nests), 24 Jun (DFS); Beaverville (Iroquois Co) (breeding colonies of 12 & 6), 25 Jun (JHH); Sonora Twp (Hancock Co) (15 pr @ bridge colony), 28 Jun (SDB); Havana Twp (10 pr @ bridge colony), 21 Jun (SDB); Chau (47 nests), Jun (RGB, SNB); HomerL (34; nest building & on nests @ 2 locations under spillway & under bridge), 7 & 8 Jun (BC et al.); so. *Champaign* (15 @ nests under bridge), 6 May (BC et al.); EmbarrasR/WabashR confluence (Lawrence Co) (nesting colony of 40), 1 Jul (LH); Beaucoup_ (12, nesting colony), 1 Jun (DMK); Alton (Madison Co) (300, nesting colony), 7 Jul (DMK); CarlL-C (300, nesting colony), 23 Jun (DMK); *Wayne* (22, nesting colony), 3 Jul (DMK). **MC**: 800, Double T SF&WA (Fulton Co), 30 Jul (JM); 264, *Bureau*, 24 Jun (DFS); 150, ECapeGir, 15 Jun (KAM); 133, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 120, TwoRivers, 21 Jul (DMK); 100, L&D 21 (Adams Co), 26 Jun (AGD); 80, Dresden CoolingL, 1 Jul (DMK); 70, *Randolph*, 15 Jun (KAM); 54, Waynesville_, 25 Jun (VMK); 51, JP, 28 May (PRC); 50, *Jackson*, 23 Jun (KAM); 40, CarlL-B, 28 Jul (DMK, TAM); 35, Zion (Lake Co), 5 Jul (EWW); 35, Momence sod farms (Kankakee Co), 4 Jun (JHH); 35, HLCA, 15 Jun (KAM); 30 (15 pr), Palos (bridge), 28 May (WS); 25, HCP, 16 Jun (GAW). **Others**: Bates Fen NP (McHenry Co) (2), 12 Jun (SDB); HiddenL FP (DuPage Co) ("breeding"), season (REF); New Salem Twp (McDonough Co), 26 Jun (SDB); LDDP (2), 24 Jun (TAM); *Scott* (4), 15 Jul (KAM); Barnhill Twp (Wayne Co) (4), 22 Jun (DMK); Pomona (20), 19 Jul (DMK); Little Grand Canyon (Jackson Co), 10 Jun (KAM); Miller City (Alexander Co) (10), 31 Jul (DMK); MermetL (6), 31 Jul (DMK).

Barn Swallow

Breeding: IBSP (ad on nest), 10 May (EWW); JP (55 nests @ 2 locations, many inactive; one w/4 nestlings 17 Jun) (PRC); *Henry* (colony) (60 pr), 9 Jun (CAT, TK); MeadbrkPk (pr @ nest w/yg), 7 Jun (BC et al.). **MC**: 200, TwoRivers, 21 Jul (IOS fide DMK); 200, Monterey Mine (Clinton Co), 27 Jul (DMK); 150, MermetL, 31 Jul (DMK); 120, CarlL-B, 28 Jul (DMK, TAM); 120, RendL, 31 Jul (DMK); 120, Miller City (Alexander Co), 31 Jul (DMK); 100, *Bureau*, 24 Jun (DFS); 80, Grassy Slough Pr (Johnson Co), 31 Jul (DMK); 77, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 61, JP, 15 Jul (PRC);

Loggerhead Shrike young. July 2007. Lost Mound National Wildlife Refuge, Carroll/Joe Daviess County. Photos by Randy Nyboer.

Sedge Wren.
Henry County. 20 August 2007.
Photo by Eric Walters.

Red-breasted Nuthatch at nest site.
Lyons Woods, Lake County. 28 May 2007.
Photo by Eric Walters.

60, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 55, MontroseH, 29 Jul (GAW); 51, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 50, Rockford, 21 Jul (DTW); 49, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 47, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); 44, Pontiac_, 8 Jun (VMK); 43, BurntPrairie_, 12 Jun (VMK); 38, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 37, Athens_, 30 Jun (VMK); 35, Fairbury_, 8 Jun (VMK); 35, Harristown_, 26 Jun (VMK); 35, *Jackson*, 15 Jun (KAM).

Carolina Chickadee

MC: 12, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 10, *Fayette*, 12 Jun (DMK); 10, *Marion*, 7 Jun (DMK); 9, BeanRidge, 6 Jun (RR); 8, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 8, MermetL, 10 Jun (DMK). **Edge of range**: HomerL (pr), Jun (BC); TwoRivers (2), 21 Jul (DMK, IOS); Dudleyville_ (2), 3 Jun (DMK).

Black-capped Chickadee

Breeding: Palatine (Cook Co) (nest box w/ad incubating 8 eggs; later predated), 11 May (PP); Woodridge (DuPage Co) (pr feeding yg), 25 May (JC); JP (3 incl begging yg 30 Jun & 2 ad w/2 yg 2 Jul) (PRC); Kewanee (Henry Co) (pr feeding yg in nest), 13 May (EWW); LWds (pr w/fledglings), 17 Jun (BC et al.). **MC**: 26, Palos, 29 Jun (DFS); 15, JP, 15 Jul (PRC); 14, HCP, 16 June (GAW); 11, RollinsSav, 2 Jun – 3 Jul (SDB). **Edge of range**: *Madison*, 6 Jun (DMK). **Note**: "This species increasing in Champaign Co" (BC), which is in the chickadee overlap zone which contains few chickadees of either species.

Tufted Titmouse

Breeding: Ryerson FP (Lake Co) (near nest cavity), 13 May (SDB, SLD); MBC (nest), 22 May (MFr); LWds (pr w/3 yg), 30 Jun (BC et al.). **MC**: 38, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 31, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 30, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 28, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 28, BeanRidge, 6 Jun (RR); 25, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 18, CaneyCr, 26 May (RR); 17, *Fayette*, 12 Jun (DMK); 16, *Marion*, 21 Jun (DMK); 16, CaveVal, 27 May (RR); 16, SouthRip, 28 May (RR); 15, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 14, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); 11, Athens_, 30 Jun (VMK); 11, BurntPrairie_, 12 Jun (VMK); 10, KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA); 10, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB). **Others**: BigBend, 30 Jun (EWW); Kishwaukee SF&WA (DeKalb Co), 30 Jun (MA); Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (3 territories), 27 May (EWW); KankakeeR SP (Kankakee Co) (4), 21 Jun (JHH); MomenceWet (6), 28 May (JHH).

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Breeding: Woodstock (McHenry Co) (2 ad & 4 juv coming to feeder), 2 Aug (DF); Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (nest 35 ft up in dead pine; male fed female on nest 17 May) 8 May - 1 Jul (EWW:ph, m.ob.). **Others**: IBSP, 7 Jul (EWW); Mundelein (Lake Co), 7 Jul (EL); Libertyville (Lake Co), 2 Aug (JS); Springbrook Pra FP (DuPage Co), 7 Jul (JSu); Downers Grove (DuPage Co) (backyard), 1 & 29 Jul (REF); Chi (Lincoln Pk), 20 Jul (GN).

White-breasted Nuthatch

Breeding: Lyman Wds FP (DuPage Co) (ad "feeding yg and guarding hole"), 17 May (CS). **MC**: 33, Palos, 29 Jun (DFS); 17, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 14, *Fayette*, 12 Jun (DMK); 13, KankakeeR SP (Will Co), 21 Jun (JHH); 12, HCP, 16 June (GAW); 11, MBC, 1 Jul (MBr); 10, *Marion*, 7 Jun (DMK), 8, Rock Springs CA (Macon Co), 6 & 12 Jun (TVL); 7, Kankakee, 14 & 17 Jun (JHH), 7, Iroquois Co CA, 25 Jun (JHH); 7, Hancock Twp (Hancock Co), 27 Jun (SDB); 7, KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA); 7, BeanRidge, 6 Jun (RR); 6, LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB). **Other**: JP, 11 Jul (PRC) – not known to nest in JP (PRC).

Brown Creeper

Green Oaks FS (Knox Co) (singing male), 18 & 20 Jun (JM).

Carolina Wren

Breeding: Sannauk FP (DeKalb Co) (2 ad feeding fledgling), 18 Jun (DJS); HomerL (pr w/2 yg), 24 Jul (BC et al.); Vance Twp (Vermilion Co) (nest in garage in plastic shopping bag hanging from hook in ceiling, wren enters via 3/4 inch opening where garage door meets floor), 6 Jul (JOS); Mode (Shelby Co) (2 nests w/ 4 & 5 yg), May-June (KF). **MC**: 31, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 23, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 22, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 17, BurntPrairie_, 12 Jun (VMK); 15, CaveVal, 27 May (RR); 13, Athens_, 30 Jun (VMK); 11, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 10, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 9, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 9, so. *Massac*, 6 Jun (SDB); 8, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 8, *Johnson*, 23 Jul (KAM); 8, BeanRidge, 6 Jun (RR); 7, HL, 20 Jul (KAM); 7 (males), sw *White* & nw *Gallatin*, 20 Jun (SDB); 7, Sparta (Randolph Co), 7 Jun (SDB); 7, CaneyCr, 26 May (RR). **Others**: Cotton Crk Marsh NP (McHenry Co) (male), 12 Jun (SDB); Wauk (Bowen Pk; singing male on territory), 21 May (SLD, SDB); Lake Forest (Lake Co) (male), 10 Jun (CEG); Highland Park (Lake Co), June (DRD); MontroseH, 16 Jun & 29 Jul (LMu, GAW, m.ob.); Lowden SP (Ogle Co) (2 males), 13-26 May (EWW); Prophetstown SNA (Whiteside Co) (male), 27 May (EWW); WhalonL FP (Will Co), 1 Aug (JSu); Hancock Twp (Hancock Co) (3 males), 27 Jun (SDB).

Bewick's Wren

Breeding: SiloamSpr (pr w/2 nests, w/pr feeding yg & removing fecal sac: nests in a backhoe & a tractor), w/one still present 7-21 Jul (BA, JM, DMK, KAM).

House Wren

Breeding: Rockford (3 pr w/successful double-brooded nests), season (DTW); Havana Twp (Mason Co) (family group of 6), 21 Jun (SDB); Urbana (8 newly hatched yg), 8 June (CA); LWds (nest w/6 eggs), **20 Aug** (CA); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (pr w/2 yg), 17 Jun (KAM). **MC**: 45 (44 males), LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB); 36, *Bureau*, 24 Jun (DFS); 31, HCP, 16 June (GAW); 26, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB); 24, MomenceWet, 28 May (JHH); 24, Rock Springs CA (Macon Co), 12 & 20 Jun (TVL); 18, MBC, 8 Jun (MFr); 17, Athens_, 30 Jun (VMK); 16, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK);

Male and female Eastern Bluebird. Wolf Road Prairie, Westchester, Cook County. 22 June 2007.

A male Eastern Bluebird feasts on a 17-year cicada at Wolf Road Prairie, Westchester, Cook County. 22 June 2007. The 17-year cicadas provided copious food for breeding birds the summer of 2007. Photos by Jerry Kumery.

15, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 14, BannerMarsh, 5 Jul (JHH); 14, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 12, CarlL, 29 Jul (KAM); 11, S.M. Bellrose NP (Logan Co), 25 Jun (TVL); 10 (males), *Lake*, 14 Jun (SDB); 10, Havana & Sherman Twps (Mason Co), 21 Jun (SDB); 10, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); 10, Monterey Mine (Clinton Co), 27 Jul (DMK); 9 (males), New Salem Twp (McDonough Co), 26 Jun (SDB); 9, Waynesville_, 25 Jun (VMK); 9, Mettler Wds NP (DeWitt Co), 15 & 25 Jun (TVL); 9, AllertonPk_, 25 Jun (BC); 9, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB). **Other**: Omaha (Gallatin Co) (6 males in town only), 20 Jun (SDB).

Sedge Wren

Breeding: EvergreenL (McLean Co) ("gathering nest material"), 26 May (MW). **MC**: **120**, CarlL-F, 27 Jul (DMK); 28 (males), RollinsSav, 2 Jun – 3 Jul (SLD, SDB); 16, BigBend, 30 Jun (EWW); 12 (males), MoraineHills, 17 Jun – 6 Jul (SDB); 9 (males), Deer Run FP (Winnebago Co), 22 Jul (EC); 9 (males), Bates Fen NP (McHenry Co), 7 Jul (SDB); 7, Rockford (Anna Page Pk), 1 Jul (DTW); 7, Kankakee, 14 Jul, but (6) 1 Jun – 7 Jul (JHH); 6, Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 14 Jul (DTW); 6, Burnidge FP (Kane Co), 24 Jun (EES); 5 (4 males), AlmondM, 3-16 Jun (SDB); 5, GreenR CA (Lee Co), 9 Jun (VMK et al.). **Others**: COLSP (3), 4 Jul (EWW); Duck Farm FP (Lake Co) (male), 13 Jun (SDB, MPW); Singing Hills FP (Lake Co) (4 males), 12 Jun (SDB); Waukegan Twp (Lake Co) (4 males), 3-16 Jun (SDB); IBSP, 20 May – 30 Jun (EWW); Fort Sheridan FP (Lake Co) (2+ males), 6 Jul (RP); Kishwaukee SF&WA (DeKalb Co), 30 Jun (MA); OrlandGr, 28 May (WS); HerrickL FP (DuPage Co) (3 males), 3 Jun (SL, CL); Fermi (4), 3 Jun (UWG); Springbrook Pra FP (DuPage Co) ("good number on territory"), 7 Jul (JSu); LCal (Burnham Pra) (2 males), 17 Jun (WJM, CAM); GLPSP (2), 9 Jun (MW); *Henry* (5), 7 Jul (AFS); MBC (1-3 males), Jun/Jul (MFr); BannerMarsh (2), 5 Jul (JHH); LWds (4 & 2 males), 30 Jul & 12 Jun resp (CA); MidFork, 18 Jun (BC et al.);

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher feeding young. McKee Marsh, County. 15 July 2007. Photo by Jerry Kumery.

Gifford PHA (Champaign Co) (2 males), 18 Jun (SDB); SiloamSpr (3 males), 21 Jul (TAM); TwoRivers (SwanL), 21 Jul (TAM, KAM, IOS); PrRdg-J (4), 12 Jun (JWW, et al.); PrRdg-M (2), 13 Jun (LH) "scarce in early summer"; *Lawrence* (5), 22 Jul (LH); Dudleyville_ (3), 3 Jun (DMK); Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); Grassy Slough Pr (Johnson Co) (4), 31 Jul (DMK); Easter Slough (Pulaski Co), 31 Jul (DMK). **Late migrant?**: MontroseH, 22 Jun (GAW). **Note**: "Increased numbers of this species in the early (June) portion of the breeding season"(SDB).

Marsh Wren

Breeding: AlmondM (pr @ 5 very closely spaced, empty [apparently dummy] nests), 3-16 Jun (SDB); McGinnisSl (2 pr feeding yg), Jul (WS); **TwoRivers (SwanL)** (3; nest & nesting colony), 17 & 21 Jul (DMK:ph, & KAM, IOS resp). **MC**: 29 (males), RollinsSav, 1 Jun – 3 Jul (SLD, SDB); 22 (21 males), MoraineHills, 17 Jun (SDB); 12 (11 males), AlmondM, 16 Jun (SDB); 11 (males), GriswoldL (McHenry Co), 17 Jun (SDB); 7 (males), Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 8 Jul (EWW); 6 (males), RedwingSl, 14 Jun (SDB); 6 (males), Singing Hills FP (Lake Co), 12 Jun & 5 Jul (SDB); 6, LCal, 12 Jun (DFS); 5 (males), Duck Farm FP (Lake Co), 13 Jun (SDB); 5, GLPSP, 9 Jun & 1 Jul (MW, DMK resp). **Others**: Afton FP (Dekalb Co) (3), 14 Jul (DTW); Fermi (2), 3 Jun (UWG); Victoria (Knox Co) (singing male), 18 Jul (JM); Nauvoo (Hancock Co) (3 males), 28 Jun (SDB); Double T SF&WA (Fulton Co) (singing male), 1 & 30 Jul (JM); Spunky Bottoms Pr (Brown Co) (2 pr), mid-Jun (MPW).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Breeding: Rockford (2 pr w/2 yg each), 15 Jul (DTW); MoraineHills (pr w/yg), 25 Jul (fide SDB); Ryerson FP (Lake Co) (2 pr @ nests), 10 & 13 May (JS, SLD, SDB); McKeeM (2 ad feeding 4 nestlings), 16 Jul (JK: ph); JP (female on nest), 28 May – 13 Jun (feeding yg 18 Jun; fledged one yg 30 Jun) (PRC); BuseyWds (pr w/3 yg), 23 Jun (BC et al.). **MC**: 29, BeanRidge, 6 Jun (RR); 27, SouthRip, 28 May (RR); 16, CaveVal, 27 May (RR); 14, CaneyCr, 26 May (RR); 11, GreeneValFP, 9 Jun (JSm); 11, Palos, 21 Jun (DFS); 10 (locations), RollinsSav, 1 Jun – 7 Jul (SLD, SDB); 10, TwoRivers, 7 Jul (DMK); 10, PineHills, 15 Jun (KAM); 9, Mackinaw, 9 Jun (MFr); 9, Rock Springs CA (Macon Co), 6 Jun (TVL); 9, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 9, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 8, PereMar, 15 Jul (KAM); 8, Wildcat Bluff NP (Johnson Co), 23 Jul (KAM); 7, IBSP, 29 Jul (KH). **Other**: 4, HCP, 16 June (GAW).

Eastern Bluebird

Breeding: Cotton Crk Marsh NP (McHenry Co) (female entering natural cavity), 7 Jul (SDB); SwallowCliff (pr feeding 4 yg periodic cicadas), Jun (WS); Aroma FP (Kankakee Co) (male @ nest box w/food), 28 Aug (JHH); MBC (2 natural cavity nests; good nesting success w/many family groups), Jun/Jul (MFr); Sonora Twp (Hancock Co) (female on nest in fencepost w/2 host egss & 2 newly hatched yg), 28 Jun (SDB); LWds (nest w/yg), 1 May (BC et al.); HomerL (ad on nest), 8 Jun (BC et al.); MeadbrkPk (pr @ nest w/yg; failed due to House Sparrow harassment), season (BC et al.). **MC**: 28, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 22, MermetL, 24 Jun (KAM); 17, Sonora Twp (Hancock Co), 28 Jun (SDB); 15, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 14, *Adams*, 15 Jul (KAM); 13, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 11, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 11, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 9, *Woodford*, 24 Jun (DFS). **Note**: "Decimated by buffalo gnat outbreak in *Mason* and *Fulton*". The gnats were noted "entering ear canals of nestlings in addition to other damage to the yg" (MS fide RGB, SNB).

Veery

MC: **55** & 22, LowdMil, 9 & 16 Jun (REF & DFS, IOS resp). **Others**: MissPalis (2), 9 Jun (VMK et al.); IBSP, 25 Jun (EWW); Coral Wds CA (McHenry Co), 30 Jun (EWW); Lake Bluff (Lake Co) (male), 10 Jun (CEG); Palos (singing male), 3 Jun (GAW); Starved Rock SP (LaSalle Co), 16 Jun (RDH); KankakeeR SP (Will Co) (3 singing males), 21 Jun (JHH).

Hermit Thrush

Chi (Grant Pk) (2), **26 Jul** (*DFS).

Top: Blue-winged Warbler. Palos Preserves, Cook County. 12 June 2007. Photo by Jerry Kumery.

Northern Mockingbird. Campton Gardens, Kane County. 30 June 2007. Photo by Eric Walters.

Wood Thrush

MC: 24, KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA); 14, SouthRip, 28 May (RR); 10, PineHills, 15 Jun (KAM); 10, BeanRidge, 6 Jun (RR); 9, Palos, 29 Jun (DFS); 9, *Fayette*, 12 Jun (DMK); 9, CaneyCr, 26 May (RR); 8 (males), LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB); 8, KankakeeR SP (Will Co), 21 Jun (JHH); 8, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 7, Fall Creek (Adams Co), 23 Jun (AGD); 5, *Fayette*, 26 Jun (DMK); 5, *Marion*, 21 Jun (DMK); 4, Mackinaw, 9 Jun (MFr); 4, RiverBend, 12 Jun (BC et al.); 4, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 4, BurntPrairie_, 12 Jun (VMK). **Others**: GlacialPk (2), 29 Jun (MFl); Grant Wds FP (Lake Co) (male), 13 Jun (SDB); Campton Hills Pk (St. Charles, Kane Co) (2), 2 Jul (SAC); GreeneValFP (2), 9 Jun (JSm); JP (singing male), 30 May – 3 Jun (PRC); BigBend (3), 30 Jun (EWW); Starved Rock SP (LaSalle Co) (3), 16 Jun (RDH); Johnson-Sauk Trail SRA (Henry Co) (2 males), 30 Jun (CAT, TK); Midewin (3), 10 Jun (DJS); Kankakee (2), 14 Jun (JHH); Momence (Kankakee Co) (3), 9 Jun (RDH); Milford Twp (Iroquois Co) (2 males), 1 Jun (SDB); CampPoint_ (3), 31 May (VMK); S.M. Bellrose NP (Logan Co) (3), 25 Jun (TVL); Mettler Wds NP (DeWitt Co) (3), 15 Jun (TVL); MidFork (3), 26 Jul (BC et al.); LWds (2), 30 Jun (BC et al.); HomerL (2), 24 Jul (BC et al.); Rock Springs CA (Macon Co) (3), 6 & 20 Jun (TVL); SiloamSpr (2), 15 Jul (KAM); Martinsville_(2), 29 Jun (SDB); Columbia_ (2), 9 Jun (KAM); BeaverDam_ (3), 13 Jun (VMK).

American Robin

Breeding: MontroseH (several successful nests), Jun & Jul (GAW); JP (1st yg 10 Jun) (PRC); Kankakee (nest w/4 eggs on ground in field), 5 May (JHH); SouthFm (10 nests), Jun/Jul (TD); Herschel Workman PHA (Vermilion Co) (nest w/4 host eggs), 30 May (SDB). **MC**: 244, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 182, *Bureau*, 24 Jun (DFS); 158, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 129, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB); 98, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 96, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); 95, Harristown_, 26 Jun (VMK); 91, Waynesville_, 25 Jun (VMK); 78, AllertonPk_, 25 Jun (BC); 75, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 71, Stillwell_, 1 Jun (VMK); 69, Pontiac_, 8 Jun (VMK); 68, Fairbury_, 7 Jun (VMK); 64, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 63, BurntPrairie_, 12 Jun (VMK); 62, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 59, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 55, CarlL, 29 Jul (KAM); 53, CampPoint_, 31 May (VMK); 52, JP, 11 Jul (PRC); 52, Kankakee, 28 Jul (JHH); 52, Athens_, 30 Jun (VMK); 39, HCP, 16 June (GAW).

Gray Catbird

Breeding: JP (1st fledgling 25 Jul) (PRC); MBC (fledgling), 1 Jul (MFr); KCP (2 nests, later predated), 19 & 22 Jun (MGA); SouthFm (6 nests), Jun/Jul (TD, SDB); LWds (fledgling), 25 Jul (BC et al.). **MC**: 46, LCal, 24 Jul (DFS); 38, *Bureau*, 24 Jun (DFS); 23, GreeneValFP, 9 Jun (JSm); 19, HCP, 16 June (GAW); 18, LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB); 17 (14 territories), JP, 17 Jun & 11 Jul (PRC); 17, (14 males), LCal, 10 Jun (WJM, CAM, PAD); 17, Kankakee, 3 Jul (JHH); 14 (7 pr), 1 Jun – 7 Jul (SLD, SDB); 14, Midewin, 10 Jun (DJS); 14, CarlL, 24 Jun (KAM); 13, Iroquois Co CA, 25 Jun (JHH); 12, SpringL (Carroll Co), 14 Jun (SDB); 11, SiloamSpr, 15 Jul (KAM); 9, Bates Fen NP (McHenry Co), 7 Jul (SDB); 9, MBC, 30 Jun (MFr).

Northern Mockingbird

Breeding: Rantoul (Champaign Co) (pr feeding juv), 25 Aug (GSL); Urbana (pr @ nest w/yg & feeding fledglings), 2 Jun – 3 Jul (JJo, BC). **MC**: 25, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 21, PembrokeTwp, 2 Jun (RDH); 20, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 17, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 16, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 14, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 12, Monterey Mine (Clinton Co), 27 Jul (DMK); 10, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); Barnhill Twp (Wayne Co), 3 Jul (DMK); 10, sw *White* & nw *Gallatin*, 20 Jun (SDB); 9, *Cass* (sand prairies), 21 Jun (TVL); 7, *Jefferson*, 14 Jun (DMK); 7, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 6 (males), LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB); 6, Havana & Sherman Twps (Mason Co), 21 Jun (SDB); 6, ESTL, 21 Jul (DMK); 6, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 16 Jun (KAM); 5, New Salem Twp (McDonough Co), 26 Jun (SDB); 5, Athens_, 30 Jun (VMK); 5, *Woodford*, 30 Jun (MFr); 5, BurntPrairie_, 12 Jun (VMK); 5 (4 locations), se *Massac*, 6 Jun (SDB); 4, Midewin, 10 Jun (DJS); 4, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB). **Others**: Lake Forest (Lake Co), 10 Jun, w/2 there 19 Jun (CEG & JS resp); Evanston (Cook Co), 14 Jun (fide SDB); St. Charles (Kane Co), 24 Jun, w/2 there 3 Jul (CC & SAC resp); Skokie (Cook Co), 30 May (JDW); BigBend, 30 Jun (EWW); ne *Henry* (2), 30 Jun (EWW); Johnson-Sauk Trail SRA (Henry Co), 30 Jun (CAT, TK); *LaSalle*, Jun (DJS); Aroma Park (Kankakee Co), 28 May (JHH); Kenyon NP (Woodford Co) (2), 25 Jun (MW).

Brown Thrasher

Breeding: JP (lg fledgling 20 Jun) (PRC); EvergreenL (McLean Co) (4 fledglings), 16 Jun (MW); SouthFm (8 nests), Jun/Jul (TD); MeadbrkPk (fledglings), 23 May (BC et al.). **MC**: 20, PembrokeTwp, 9 Jun (DFS); 9, New Salem Twp (McDonough Co), 26 Jun (SDB); 8, LostMound, 10 Jun (VMK et al.); 8, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 8, MermetL, 10 Jun (DMK); 7, John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 2 Jun (CBT, BT); 7, EvergreenL (McLean Co), 16 Jun (MW); 7, Athens_, 30 Jun (VMK); 7, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 7, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 6, GreeneValFP, 9 Jun (JSm); 6, Kankakee, 29 Jun (JHH); 6, Stillwell_, 1 Jun (VMK); 6 (males), KCP, Jun (MGA); 6, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 6, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 6, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 6, CarlL-C, 4 Jul (DMK); 6, *Wayne*, 3 Jul (DMK); 5, CampPoint_, 31 May (VMK); 5, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 5, Grassy Slough Pr (Johnson Co), 23 Jun (KAM); 5, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK).

European Starling

Breeding: Chi, Lincoln Pk (many successful nests), Jun & Jul (GAW); JP (1st fledgling 28 May) (PRC); Kankakee (fledgling and 3 ads carrying food), 26 May & 1-3 Jun resp (JHH). **MC**: 1040, *DuPage*, 31 Jul (DFS); 977, Midewin, 15 Jul (GAW); 892, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 344, MontroseH, 18 Jun (GAW); 225, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 208, *Grundy*, 30 Jun (DFS); 200, ESTL, 21 Jul (DMK, IOS); 200, HL, 2 Jun (DMK); 199, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 184, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 166, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 161, Pontiac_, 8 Jun (VMK); 160, Momence sod farm (Kankakee Co), (JHH); 159, Athens_, 30 Jun (VMK); 150, Monterey Mine (Clinton Co), 27 Jul (DMK); 141, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 137, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 136, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK).

Cedar Waxwing

Breeding: Rockford (2 feeding 2 yg), 9 Jun (DTW); Gurnee (Lake Co) (ad feeding 3 juv), 22 Jul (JSS); MidSav (8 – incl 2 families), 20 Jul (JSS); MontroseH (suecessful nest), season (GAW); BigBend (nest building), 30 Jun (EWW); MBC (nest building), 30 Jun (MFr); KCP (2 nests, later predated), 5 & 18 Jun (MGA). **MC**: 200, SwallowCliff (feeding on periodic cicadas), 27 May (WS); 95, 61 & 42, Kankakee, 26 May, 28 Jul & 27 Jun resp (JHH); 80 (migrants?), JP, 26 Jun (KMC, PRC); 50, Braidwood (Will Co), 10 Jun (DFS); 46, Loda PHA (Iroquois Co), 30 May (SDB); 37, HCP, 16 Jun (GAW); 34, Herschel Workman PHA (Vermilion Co), 30 May (SDB); 33, GreeneValFP, 9 Jun (JSm); 26, Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co), 28 May (JHH); 24 (12 pr), 1 Jun – 7 Jul (SLD, SDB); 22, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 20, UMRNWR, SpringL, 8 Jun (VMK et al.); 18, GLPSP, 1 Jul (DMK); 18, ESTL, 9 Jun (DMK); 15, Bates Fen NP (McHenry Co), 12 Jun (SDB); 14, Iroquois Co CA, 25 Jun (JHH); 14, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB); 13, Sonora Twp (Hancock Co), 28 Jun (SDB); 13, KCP, 11 Jun

(MGA); 12, MBC, 8 Jun (MFr); 12, Carson Twp (Fayette Co), 12 Jun (DMK); 11, GriswoldL (McHenry Co), 17 Jun (SDB); 11, *Lake*, 14 Jun (SDB); 10, LostMound, 10 Jun (VMK et al.); MoraineHills (10), 11 Jun (SDB).

Blue-winged Warbler

Breeding: SwallowCliff (ad female w/1 yg), Jun (WS); Palos (female carrying food), 3 Jun (GAW); LowdMil (pr feeding fledgling cowbird), 16 Jun (DFS). **MC**: 6 (males), KCP, 11 Jun (MGA); 3 (males), Forest Glen Pr (Vermilion Co), Jun (MGA). **Others**: RockCut (2), 3 Jun (DTW); Lyons Wds (2 males), 28 May –25 Jun (EWW); Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (male), 24 Jun (EES); KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA).

Northern Parula

MC: 21, CaveVal, 27 May (RR); 10, PineHills, 15 Jun (KAM); 9, CaneyCr, 26 May (RR); 9, SouthRip, 28 May (RR); 9, BeanRidge, 6 Jun (RR); 8, Wildcat Bluff NP (Johnson Co), 23 Jul (KAM); 7, *Fayette*, 12 Jun (DMK); 6, MBC, 1 Jul (MW); 6, MermetL, 10 Jun (DMK); 4, HCP, 16 June (GAW); 4, KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA); 4, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 4, Little Grand Canyon (Jackson Co), 10 Jun (KAM); 4, Pomona, 19 Jul (DMK); 4 (males), so. *Massac*, 6 Jun (SDB). **Edges of IL range**: MissPalis, 9 Jun (EC); RockCut (2 males), 7 Jul (EC); Grant Wds FP (Lake Co) (male), 9 Jun (AFS); Kankakee (male), 9-29 Jun (JHH); MomenceWet (2), 28 May (JHH); *Henry*, 9 Jun (CAT, TK); Johnson-Sauk Trail SRA (Henry Co), 30 Jun (CAT, TK); Hancock Twp (Hancock Co) (male), 27 Jun (SDB); HomerL (2 males), 8 Jun (BC et al.); LWds (2 males), 14 Jun (BC et al.). **Migrants**: Chi (Grant Pk) (male), **11 Jun**, (DFS); Chi (SSCC), **18 Jul** (CG).

Yellow Warbler

Breeding: AlmondM (pr @ nest w/ 1 warbler, 1 cowbird egg), 25 May (SDB); MontroseH (pr near nest w/2 yg), 22 Jun (DAi); DeerGrove (female gathering willow down for nest), 20 May (CF); JP (male feeding fledgling cowbird), 9 Jul (PRC); JP (2 full-sized yg), 5 Aug (PRC); KCP (nest, later predated), 7 Jun (MGA). **MC**: 50 (41 males), LCal, 10 Jun (WJM, CAM, PAD); 48, Beaubien Wds FP (Cook Co), 12 Jun (DFS); 20, John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 4 Jun (CBT); 15, HCP, 16 June (GAW); 14 (males), RollinsSav, 1 Jun – 7 Jul (SLD, SDB); 13 (12 males), Bates Fen NP (McHenry Co), 12 Jun (SDB); 12 (males), *Lake*, 14 Jun (SDB); 12 (11 males), AlmondM, 27 May – 16 Jun (SDB); 12, Midewin, 10 Jun (DJS); 10 (9 males), Warren & Waukegan Twps (Lake Co), 3-16 Jun (SDB); 10, JP, 25 Jun (PRC); 9 (males), Wauconda Bog NP (Lake Co), 12 Jun (SDB); 8 (males), MoraineHills, 17 Jun (SDB); 8, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 8, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co), 15 Jun (KAM); 6 (5 males), Grant Wds FP (Lake Co), 13 Jun (SDB); 5 (males), Singing Hills FP (Lake Co), 12 Jun (SDB); 5, MomenceWet, 28 May (JHH).

Chestnut-sided Warbler

Breeding: LowdMil (ad carrying food), 9 Jun (REF); Oldfield Oaks FP (DuPage Co) (feeding yg), 1 Aug (REF). **MC**: 7 (males), Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co), 25 Jun (EWW); 6 & 4 (males), LowdMil, 15 Jul & 16 Jun (JC & DFS, IOS resp). **Others**: Rockford (Anna Page Pk), 22 Jun (DTW); Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co), 1 Jul (RP); Lake Bluff (Lake Co) (2 males); 10 Jun (CEG); Palos, Cap Sauers FP (male), 10 Jun (JD); SwallowCliff (3 & pr), 21 & 15 Jun (DFS & JK:ph, resp).

Cape May Warbler

NBSO: Rockford, **17 Jun** (*DTW).

Blackburnian Warbler

LowdMil (2 singing males), 16 Jun - 15 Jul (DFS, m.ob.).

Yellow-throated Warbler

Breeding: KishwaukeeR SP (Winnebago Co) (carrying food), mid- Jul (EC); Starved Rock SP (LaSalle Co) (ad feeding cowbird), 30 Jul (CS). **MC**: 10 & 7 (males), LowdMil, 16 Jun & 15 Jul (DFS, IOS & JC resp); 6 (males), IBSP, 25 Jun (EWW); 5, PineHills, 15 Jun (KAM); 4, CaveVal, 27 May (RR); 4, Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co), 10 Jun (DMK); 4, SouthRip, 28 May (RR); 3, MBC, 1 Jul (MW); 3, BeanRidge, 6 Jun (RR); 3 (males), Ft. Massac SP (Massac Co), 6 Jun (SDB). **Others**: Kishwaukee R SP (Winnebago Co) (2 males), 18-20 Jul (EC); IBSP (male), 21 Jun (JWL);

Cerulean Warbler.
Chain O' Lake State Park, Lake/Mchenry Counties.
4 July 2007.
Photo by Eric Walters.

Lake Forest (Lake Co) (male), late Apr – 10 Jun (CEG); Prophetstown SNA (Whiteside Co) (male), 27 May (EWW); Starved Rock SP (LaSalle Co) (2), 16 Jun (RDH); Kankakee (male), 29 May -14 Jun (JHH); Momence (Kankakee Co), 9 Jun (RDH); LWds (pr), Jun (BC et al); HomerL, Jun (BC et al.); Rock Springs CA (Macon Co), 6 Jun (TVL).

Pine Warbler

MoraineHills, 30 Jun (MFl); Lyons Wds (Lake Co) (1-2 males), 12 May – 15 Jul (EWW); Lake Forest (Lake Co) (male), 9 Jun (CEG); Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co) (singing male), 24 Jun & 30 Jul (DFS & JM resp); RedHills, 5-18 Jun (LH); *Richland* (singing male; 1st summer record), 31 Jul (LH); Sam DaleL SF&WA (Wayne Co) (2), 15 Jun (RS, LH); Little Grand Canyon (Jackson Co), 10 Jun (KAM); Pomona, 23 Jun (KAM). **Note**: "None present at IBSP this year after 3 being present there last summer" (EWW).

Prairie Warbler

MC: 11 (males), KCP, Jun (MGA); 4 (males), Forest Glen Pr (Vermilion Co), Jun (MGA).

Cerulean Warbler

Breeding: MissPalis (female feeding nestling), 9 Jun (VMK et al.); Green Oaks FS (Knox Co) (pr feeding 2 fledged yg), 6 Jul (JM); Benfield (Brown Co) (nest building), mid-May (MPW). **MC**: 13, CaveVal, 27 May (RR); 6 (males), Pomona, early-Jun (MPW); 5 (males), MissPalis, 13 Jun (JC); 4, Green Oaks FS (see above). **Others**: RockCut (3 & pr), 12 Jun & 7 Jul (DTW & EC resp); COLSP (male), 4 Jul (EWW:ph) – very rare in Lake Co; "this years location ~ a mile from last years location"; Green Oaks FS (Knox Co) (male on territory), 18- 20 Jun (JM); Mackinaw (male), 9 Jun (MFr); KCP (male), 19 Jul (MGA); CarlL-C, 13 Jun (DMK); Elkville (Perry Co) (male), mid-Jun (MPW); Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (singing male), 27 Jul (RS, LH); Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co), 10 Jun (DMK); LtlBlkSl, 19 Jul (DMK); Shawnee NF , Hutchins Crk (Union Co) (male), 19 Jun (SDB, JWW); SouthRip (2), 28 May (RR).

Black-and-white Warbler

Oldfield Oaks FP (DuPage Co), 23 Jul (REF); MBC, 8 Jun (MFr); *Lawrence* (singing male), 5 Jun (LH); Chauncey Marsh (Lawrence Co) (female), 5 Jul (LH); Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (singing male), 22 Jul (LH). **NBSO**: Chi (SSCC) (ad & juv – migrants?), 18 Jul (CG).

American Redstart

MC: 45 (38 males), *Carroll* (39 @ SpringL), 14 Jun (SDB); 30, CaveVal, 27 May (RR); 21 (males), LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB); 18, Bureau, 24 Jun (DFS); 12, LowdMil, 16 Jun (DFS, IOS); 12, Pomona, 19 Jul (DMK); 11, HCP, 16 June (GAW); 8 (territories), COLSP, 4 Jul (EWW); 8, TwoRivers, 7 Jul (DMK); 8, CarlL-C, 23 Jun (DMK); 6, MomenceWet, 9 Jun (RDH); 6, CarlL-B, 4 Jul (DMK); 6, CaneyCr, 26 May (RR); 6, Little Grand Canyon (Jackson Co), 10 Jun (KAM). **Others**: RollinsSav (male), 2 Jun (SDB); IBSP (2), 1 Jul (EWW); Techny Basin CA (Cook Co) (singing male), 20 June – 27 Jul & female 6 Jul (SG); MontroseH (female), 6 Jul (RDH); JP (1st yr male), 10 Jun (PRC) – "sometimes summer"; Prophetstown SNA (Whiteside Co), (4), 27 May (EWW); KankakeeR SP (Will Co), 21 Jun (JHH); MBC (2 males), 1 Jul (MW); KCP (2; pr?), Jun (MGA); Warbler Wds NP (Coles Co) (singing male), 16-19 Jun (LBH); *Clay*, 14 Jun (LH); St. Morgan_ (2), 3 Jun (KAM); PereMar, 15 Jul (KAM).

Prothonotary Warbler

Breeding: Ryerson FP (Lake Co) (male entering cavity), 27 May (JSS); "Reduced number of breeding territories detcted in Mason Co, possibly due to high water in the Illinois River floodplain and/or buffalo gnat outbreak" (RGB, SNB). **MC**: 14, TwoRivers (Gilbert L), 9 Jun (MT); 13 (males), SpringL (Carroll Co), 14 Jun (SDB); 12, Willow Springs

Yellow-breasted Chat.
Bluff Spring Fen. July 2007.
Photo by Arlene Koziol.

to Romeoville canoe trip (Des PlainesR; Cook, DuPage & Will Cos), 2 Jun (TK, m.ob.); 12, Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co), 10 Jun (DMK); 9, MomenceWet, 28 May (JHH); 8 (males), LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB); 8, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 8, CaveVal, 27 May (RR); 7 (territories), Chau, May/Jul (RGB, SNB); 7, PereMar, 15 Jul (KAM); 5 (males), Ft. Massac SP (Massac Co), 6 Jun (SDB). **Others**: L&D 13 (2 males/1 female on territory), 26 May (EWW); MoraineHills (4 males), 28 May (MFl); Rock Springs CA (Macon Co) (3), 20 Jun (TVL); SwanL (Calhoun Co) (3), 21 Jul (KAM).

Worm-eating Warbler

MC: 16, BeanRidge, 6 Jun (RR); 9, CaneyCr, 26 May (RR); 6, SouthRip, 28 May (RR). **Others**: Wildcat Hollow SF (Effingham Co) (4 singing males), 9 Jun (RS, LH,); Little Grand Canyon (Jackson Co) (4), 10 Jun (KAM). **NBSO**: SouthFm (male caught in mist net; non-breeding habitat & location), 20 Jun (TD:ph).

Swainson's Warbler

LtlBlkSl (heard), 19 Jul (DMK).

Ovenbird

MC: 25, LowdMil, 16 Jun (DFS, IOS); 15, Mackinaw, 9 Jun (MFr); 13, CaneyCr, 26 May (RR); 10, KankakeeR SP (Will Co), 21 Jun (JHH); 10, SouthRip, 28 May (RR); 4 (males), LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB); 4, KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA); 4, *Fayette*, 12 Jun (DMK). **Others**: Kishwaukee SF&WA (DeKalb Co), 30 Jun (MA); Fermi, 20 Jul (JR); JP (singing male), 10 & 13 Jun (PRC); Iroquois Co CA (3), 25 Jun (JHH); MBC, 1 Jul (MW); Mettler Wds NP (DeWitt Co), 15 Jun (TVL). **Late migrant**: 13 Jun, JP (male) (PRC).

Louisiana Waterthrush

Breeding: Green Oaks FS (Knox Co) (ad w/juv), 20 Jun (JM); RedHills (ad w/1 yg), 29 Jun (LH). **MC**: 11, CaneyCr, 26 May (RR); 10, CaveVal, 27 May (RR); 7, KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA); 4, Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co), 10 Jun (DMK); 3, Mackinaw, 9 Jun (MFr); 3, *Fayette*, 12 Jun (DMK); 3, Little Grand Canyon (Jackson Co), 10 Jun (KAM); 3, SouthRip, 28 May (RR). **Others**: McClaughry Springs FP (Cook Co), 17 Jun (JSa); MBC, 1 Jul (MW); Rock Springs CA (Macon Co), 6 Jun (TVL); Wildcat Hollow SF (Effingham Co) (2), 9 Jun (RS, LH).

Kentucky Warbler

Breeding: LtlBlkSl (pr w/3 yg in nest), 23 Jul (DMK, KAM). **MC**: 16, PineHills, 15 Jun (KAM); 12, KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA); 9, *Fayette*, 12 Jun (DMK); 8, Pomona, 19 Jul (DMK); 7, LowdMil, 16 Jun (DFS, IOS); 7, CaneyCr, 26 May (RR); 7, SouthRip, 28 May (RR); 7, BeanRidge, 6 Jun (RR); 6, Little Grand Canyon (Jackson Co), 10 Jun (KAM); 6, CaveVal, 27 May (RR); 6, Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co), 10 Jun (DMK); 4 (males), Ft. Massac SP (Massac Co), 6 Jun (SDB); 3 (ad), MissPalis, 13 Jun (JC); 3, KankakeeR SP (Will Co), 7 Jun (w/one 21 Jun) (JHH); 3, Rock Springs CA (Macon Co), 12 Jun (TVL). **Others**: Rockford, 12 Jun (DTW); Starved Rock SP (LaSalle Co) (male), 17 Jun (DJS); PembrokeTwp, 2 Jun (RDH); Mackinaw (male), 9 Jun (MFr); MBC (male), 15 Jun (MFr); Hancock Twp (Hancock Co) (male), 27 Jun (SDB); Mettler Wds NP (DeWitt Co), 25 Jun (TVL); HomerL (singing male), 7 Jun (BC et al.); LWds (singing male), 14 Jun (BC et al.).

Mourning Warbler

LowdMil (singing male), 16 Jun (DFS, IOS).

Common Yellowthroat

Breeding: MoraineHills (female on nest w/4 host eggs), 17 Jun (SDB); MeadbrkPk (2 sets of fledglings), 2 Jul (BSl); MeadbrkPk (male feeding cowbird), 19 Jul (CA). **MC**: 50, *Grundy*, 30 Jun (DFS); 45, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 41 (males), RollinsSav, 1 Jun – 7 Jul (SLD, SDB); 36 (33 males), MoraineHills, 17 Jun – 6 Jul (SDB); 35, PrRdg-J, 12 Jun (JWW, et al.); 31, HCP, 16 June (GAW); 24 (males), Hancock Twp (Hancock Co), 27 Jun (SDB); 24, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 21, GreeneValFP, 9 Jun (JSm); 20 (males), *Lake* (Wauconda Bog NP & Singing Hills FP), 5 Jul (SDB); 18 (17 males), Cotton Crk Marsh NP (McHenry Co), 12 Jun (SDB); 18 (males), AlmondM, 3-16 Jun (SDB); 18, ShabbonaL SP (DeKalb Co), 22 Jul (DJS); 18, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 17, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 16, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB); 16, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); 15, Kankakee, 26 May (JHH); 13 (males), New Salem Twp (McDonough Co), 26 Jun (SDB); 13, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 13, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 12, KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA); 11 (males), *Lake*, 14 Jun (SDB); 11, PrRdg-J, 13 Jun (JWW, et al.); 11, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 10, Warren & Waukegan Twps (Lake Co), 3-16 Jun (SDB); 10, Iroquois Co CA, 25 Jun (JHH); 10 (males), KCP, Jun (MGA); 10, SiloamSpr, 15 Jul (KAM); 10, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co), 15 Jun (KAM). **Other**: JP (3 males), 4 Jun – 11 Jul (PRC).

Hooded Warbler

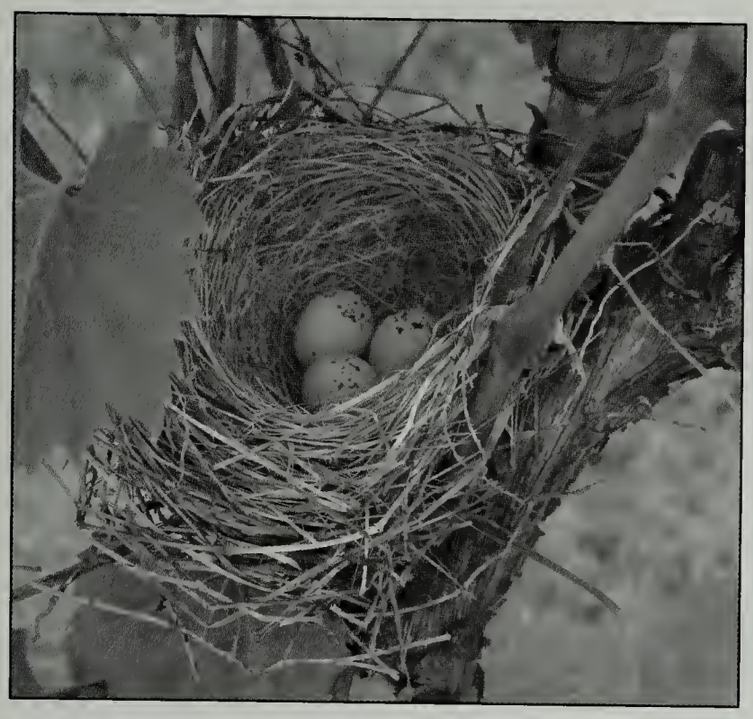
MC: 6, LowdMil, 16 Jun (DFS, IOS); 6, CaneyCr, 26 May (RR); 5, SouthRip, 28 May (RR). **Others**: MissPalis (territorial male), 26 May & 9 Jun (EWW & VMK et al. resp); Rockford (male & female), 19 Jun - 24 Jul (DTW); Lake Bluff (Lake Co) (2 males), 10 Jun (CEG); Palos (3), 29 Jun (DFS); Palos, Cap Sauers (3 males), 10 Jun (JD); Mackinaw (male), 9 Jun (MFr); RedHills (1-2), 18-29 Jun (RS, LH); Beall Wds SP (Wabash Co) (2 singing males; one present since early May), 2 Jun & 22 Jul (RS, LH); Little Grand Canyon (Jackson Co), 10 Jun (KAM); Pomona, 23 Jun (KAM); PineHills (2), 23 Jun (KAM); Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co) (2), 10 Jun (DMK); Shawnee NF (Hutchins Crk, Union Co) (2 males), 19 Jun (SDB, JWW); BeanRidge (2), 6 Jun (RR).

Yellow-breasted Chat

Breeding: KCP (5 nests, all predated), Jun/Jul (MGA). **MC**: 28 (males), KCP, Jun (MGA); 10, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 7 & 6, Pembroke Twp, 9 & 2 Jun (DFS & RDH resp); 6 (males), Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 6, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 6, Grassy Slough Pr (Johnson Co), 22 Jun (KAM); 6, MermetL, 10 Jun (DMK); 5, Orland Gr, 27 Jun (WS); 5, *Putnam*, 24 Jun (DFS); 4, Iroquois Co CA, 25 Jun (JHH); 4 (males), Forest Glen Pr (Vermilion Co), Jun (MGA); 4, Fall Creek (Adams Co), 4 Jul (AGD); 4, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); 4, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 4, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 4, CarlL-C, 4 Jul (DMK); 4, BurntPrairie_, 12 Jun (VMK); 4 (3 males), sw *White* & nw *Gallatin*, 20 Jun (SDB); 4, Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co), 23 Jun (KAM). **Others**: Rockford (2), 1-4 Jul (DTW); IBSP, 7 Jul (EWW); Lake Bluff OL (Lake Co) (male), 25 Jun (EWW); NachusaGr (male), 26 May (EWW); Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (3), 24 Jun (EES); Bluff Spring Fen NP (Cook Co) (2), 5 Jul (AK:ph); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (3), 2 Jun (CBT, BT); Miller Meadow FP (Cook Co), 9 & 25 Jun (JSA); GreeneValFP (2), 9 Jun (JSm); Fermi ("a few"), 27 Jun (EG); Kishwaukee SF&WA (DeKalb Co) (male), 30 Jun (MA); Johnson-Sauk Trail SRA (Henry Co), 30 Jun (CAT, TK); GLPSP (3), 9 Jun (MW); Midewin, 10 Jun (DJS); Kankakee, 2 Jun – 7 Jul (JHH); MBC, 1 Jul (MW); Hancock Twp (Hancock Co) (3 males), 27 Jun (SDB); Funks Grove (McLean Co) (3), 8 Jun (MW); RiverBend (2), 11 Jun (BC et al.); KSP (2), 20 May - 20 Jun (SA).

Summer Tanager

MC: 11, PineHills, 15 Jun (KAM); 8, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 7, Wildcat Bluff NP (Johnson Co), 23 Jul (KAM); 5, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 4 (locations), *Putnam & Kankakee*, season (DFS); 4, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 3, BeanRidge, 6 Jun (RR). **Others**: Ryerson FP (Lake Co)



Female Chipping Sparrow incubating nest with three eggs in winery grapevines. Oakwood, Vermilion County. 27 May 2007. Photos by Connie Carroll Cunningham.

(singing male), 25 May – 29 Jun (SDB, SLD & EWW resp); Campton Hills Pk (St. Charles, Kane Co) (3; pr & male), 26 Jun - 9 Jul (SAC); Oldfield Oaks FP (DuPage Co) (male), 31 May (REF); Palos, Cap Sauers FP (3;), 10 & 23 Jun (JD); Starved Rock SP (LaSalle Co) (3), 16 Jun (RDH); Mackinaw (2), 9 Jun (MFr); MBC, 8 Jun (MFr); Hooper Branch Savanna NP (Iroquois Co) (male), 2 Jun (RDH); Iroquois Co CA, 25 Jun (JHH); Green Oaks FS (Knox Co), 20 Jun (JM); Hancock Twp (Hancock Co) (male), 27 Jun (SDB); BannerMarsh (male), 23 Jun (JM); Mettler Wds NP (DeWitt Co), 25 Jun (TVL); SiloamSpr (2), 29 Jun (AGD); Rock Springs CA (Macon Co) (2), 6 & 20 Jun (TVL); Spitler Wds NP (Macon Co) (male), 16 Jul (TAM).

Scarlet Tanager

Breeding: SwallowCliff (ad @ nest), 13 May (CMA, WS); Mackinaw (female @ nest), 9 Jun (MFr). **MC**: 16, Palos, 29 Jun (DFS); 11, KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA); 11, CaneyCr, 26 May (RR); 9, KankakeeR SP (Will Co), 21 Jun (JHH); 7, PineHills, 15 Jun (KAM); 7, BeanRidge, 6 Jun (RR); 5, Palos, Cap Sauers FP, 10 Jun (JD); 5, CaveVal, 27 May (RR); 5, SouthRip, 28 May (RR). **Others**: LostMound (3 males), 15 Jun (SDB); MoraineHills (4 males), 17 Jun & 6 Jul (SDB); Mackinaw (4), 10 Jun (MFr); Iroquois Co CA (4; 1 pr), 25 Jun (JHH); Rantoul (Champaign Co) (singing male; atypical habitat in town; migrant?), 11 Jul (SDB); Rock Springs CA (Macon Co) (3), 6 & 12 Jun (TVL).

Eastern Towhee

Breeding: Mackinaw (nest w/eggs), 10 Jun (MFr). **MC**: 33, Palos, 29 Jun (DFS); 21, PembrokeTwp, 9 Jun (DFS); 18, GreeneValFP, 9 Jun (JSm); 13, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 12, Iroquois Co CA, 25 Jun (JHH); 12 (males), KCP, Jun (MGA); 12, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 9 (males), LowdMil, 15 Jul (JC); 9, CarlL, 24 Jun (KAM); 8, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 7, LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB); 6, MissPalis, 9 Jun (VMK et al.); 6, KankakeeR SP (Will Co), 21 Jun (JHH); 6, Mackinaw, 9 Jun (MFr); 6, KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA); 6, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 6, sw *White* & nw *Gallatin*, 20 Jun (SDB); 5, Hancock Twp (Hancock Co), 27 Jun (SDB); 5, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 5, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK).

Chipping Sparrow

Breeding: Rockford (pr feeding eowbird), 3 Jul (DTW); Rockford (pr feeding 3 yg), 4 Jul (DTW); Woodridge (DuPage Co) (pr w/nest & 4 eggs in small blue spruce), 25 May (JC); Table Grove (Fulton Co) (ad w/ 2 yg), 18 Jun (KAM); Bloomington (McLean Co) (nest), 25 Jul (MFr); LWds (female carrying nest material), 24 Jun (CA); Champaign (pr feeding 2 juv), 9 Aug (SDB); MeadbrkPk (pr feeding cowbird fledgling), 12 Jul (CA); Oakwood (Vermilion Co) (female incubating nest w/3eggs in winery grapevines), 27 May (CCC:ph); St. Joseph (Champaign Co) (ad feeding fledgling), 18 Aug (MPW). **MC**: 54, *Henry*, 25 Jun (DFS); 40, Havana (Mason Co), 21 Jun (SDB); 35, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 26, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 22, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB); 21, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 18, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 17, Athens_, 30 Jun (VMK); 13, Harristown_, 26 Jun (VMK); 13, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 12, HCP, 16 June (GAW); 12, Waynesville_, 25 Jun(VMK); 11, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 10, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 10, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 9, Havana & Sherman Twps, 21 Jun (SDB); 8, *Kankakee*, 27 May (JHH).

Clay-colored Sparrow

MC: 4 & 3 (males), Springbrook Pra FP (DuPage Co), 10 & 16 Jun (JSu, AFS resp); **Others**: Aurora West FP (Kane Co) (2), 24 Jun (SAC); GLPSP, 10 Jun (REF).

Field Sparrow

Breeding: LostMound (pr feeding fledgling), 15 Jun (SDB); GlacialPk (cowbird near nest), 27 May (MFl); Springbrook Pra FP (DuPage Co) (3 pr carrying food), 23 Jun (DTW); MBC (nest w/ 1 sparrow egg, 1 cowbird egg), 8 Jun (MFr); LWds (female carrying nest material & cop w/male), 24 Jun (CA); KCP (6 nests, 4 predated, 2 fledged yg but one fledged 2 cowbirds), Jun/Jul (MGA). **MC**: 76, PembrokeTwp, 9 Jun (DFS); 60, Midewin, 15 Jul (GAW); 46, GreeneValFP, 9 Jun (JSm); 36 (34 males), LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB); 32, GLPSP, 9 Jun (MW); 29, MBC, 8 Jun (MFr); 27, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 21, AllertonPk_, 25 Jun (BC); 20, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 18 (17 males), Hancock Twp (Hancock Co), 27 Jun (SDB); 18, PrRdg-J, 12 Jun (JWW, et al.); 16, ShabbonaL SP (DeKalb Co), 22 Jul (DJS); 16 (males), KCP, Jun/Jul (MGA); 15, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 15, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 13, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 13, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 12, Iroquois Co CA, 25 Jun (JHH); 12, PrRdg-M, 13 Jun (JWW, et al.); 11, Havana & Sherman Twps (Mason Co), 21 Jun (SDB); 11, KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA); 10, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 8, Wayne Fitzgerrell SP (Franklin Co), 24 Jun (KAM); 8 (7 males), sw *White* & nw *Gallatin*, 20 Jun (SDB); 6, *Cass* (sand prairies), 13 & 21 Jun (TVL).

Vesper Sparrow

Breeding: ne *Stephenson* (ad carrying food), 9 Jun (DTW); MidFork (fledgling), 2 Aug (BC et al.). **MC**: 56, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB); 20, LostMound, 9 Jun (VMK et al.); 20, AllertonPk_, 25 Jun (BC); 14, Atkinson_, 25 Jun (DFS); 13, Sheffield_, 24 Jun (DFS); 9, PembrokeTwp, 9 Jun (DFS); 9, Pontiac_, 8 Jun (VMK); 9, Waynesville_, 25 Jun (VMK); 6 (4 males), Greenoak (Bureau Co), 30 Jun (EWW); 6, Midewin, 15 Jul (GAW); 6, Harristown_, 26 Jun (VMK); 6 (males), Havana Twp (Mason Co), 21 Jun (SDB); 5 (males), New Salem Twp (McDonough Co), 26 Jun (SDB). **Other**: Duck Farm FP (Lake Co) (male), 13 Jun (SDB, MPW). **Southern edge of range**: Martinsville_ (4 males; one near Eaton [Crawford Co]), 29 Jun (SDB); *Jasper*, 16 Jun (LH).

Lark Sparrow

Breeding: Deer Run FP (Winnebago Co) (carrying nest material), 9 Jun (ASh); Chinquapin Bluffs Pr (Woodford Co) (pr carrying food to nest w/4 yg), 26 May (MW); Mackinaw (pr w/fledgling), 10 Jun (MFr); Indian Creek Twp (White Co) (pr w/one carrying food), 20 Jun (SDB). **MC**: 20, LostMound, 9 Jun (VMK et al.); 14 & 10, PembrokeTwp, 9 & 2 Jun (DFS

& RDH resp); 5 (males @ 5 locations), Havana & Sherman Twps (Mason Co), 21 Jun (SDB); 4, *Woodford*, 30 Jun (MFr); 4 (males), Sonora Twp (Hancock Co), 28 Jun (SDB). **Others**: IBSP, 3 & 10 Jun (AFS); BigBend (pr), 27 May (EWW); NachusaGr (3 males), 26 May (EWW); Johnson-Sauk Trail SRA (Henry Co), 30 Jun (CAT, TK); w. *Stark* (2), 14 Jul (TAM); Bondville (Champaign Co), 28 Jun (MPW); St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); Big Creek (Fayette Co), 12 Jun (DMK); *Wayne* (2), 7 Jun – 28 Jul (LH); Allendale (Wabash Co) (singing male), 31 May (SDB).

Notes: "Very good numbers this year" in *Woodford/Tazewell* (MFr).

Savannah Sparrow

Breeding: Techny Basin CA (Cook Co) (5 fledglings), 5 Jul (SG). **MC**: 29 (males), RollinsSav, 1 Jun – 7 Jul (SLD, SDB); 17, PaulDouglas, Jun (SS); 15 (13 males), Fremont & Lake Villa Twps (Lake Co), 14 Jun (SDB); 14 (males), New Salem Twp (McDonough Co), 26 Jun (SDB); 10 (males), Duck Farm FP (Lake Co), 13 Jun (SDB). **Southern edge of range**: *Effingham*, 9 Jun (RS, LH).

Grasshopper Sparrow

Breeding: Deer Run FP (Winnebago Co) (ad carrying food), 21 Jun (EC: ph); IBSP (ad feeding yg), 11 Jun (EWW). **MC**: 50 (42 males), LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB); 23, BigBend, 30 Jun (EWW); 22, PrRdg-J, 12 Jun (JWW, et al.); 21 (14 males), Havana & Sherman Twps, 21 Jun (SDB); 14 (12 males), so. *Massac*, 6 Jun (SDB); 13 (males), New Salem Twp (McDonough Co), 26 Jun (SDB); 12, Midewin, 15 Jul (GAW); 10, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 8, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); 8, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 7, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 6, PembrokeTwp, 2 Jun (RDH); 6, *Cass* (sand prairies), 13 & 21 Jun (TVL); 6, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 6, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 5, Miller Meadow FP (Cook Co), 25 Jun (JSA); 5, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB). **Others**: GlacialPk (2 males), 16-29 Jun (MFl); IBSP, 1 Jul (RP); PaulDouglas (3), Jun (SS); Techny Basin CA (Cook Co) (2 males), 25-29 Jun (SG); OrlandGr (3), 27 Jun (WS); Loda PHA (Iroquois Co) (3), 30 May (SDB); Sonora Twp (Hancock Co) (3 males), 28 Jun (SDB); Hancock Twp (Hancock Co) (4 males), 27 Jun (SDB); Urbana (4), 2 Jun (BG); PrRdg-M (3), 13 Jun (JWW, et al.); Allendale (Wabash Co) (2 males), 31 May (SDB). **Notes**: "Missing from some regular areas" in *Woodford/Tazewell* (MFr).

Henslow's Sparrow

Breeding: BigBend (fledgling), 30 Jun (EWW); OrlandGr (nest w/3-4 yg), 28 May (WS). **MC**: 71, PrRdg-J, 12 Jun (JWW, et al.); 50, PrRdg-M, 13 Jun (JWW, et al.); 49, PaulDouglas, Jun (SS); 25 (males), NachusaGr, 26 May (EWW); 20 (males), *Lawrence*, 5 Jun (LH); 14 (males), RollinsSav, 9 & 10 Jun (SLD); 11, GLPSP, 9 Jun (MW); 8, Karl Bartel Pr (Marion Co), 8 Jun (DMK); 7, BigBend, 30 Jun (EWW); 6, OrlandGr, 27 Jun (WS); 5, nw *Ogle*, 16 Jun (DTW); 5 (males), MBC, Jun/Jul (MFr); 5 (males), *Adams*, 21 Jul (TAM). **Others**: Deer Run FP (Winnebago Co) (2 males), 21 Jun (EC:vid); Rockford (Anna Page Pk (3), 1 Jul (DTW); GlacialPk (present), 16 Jun (MFl); Waukegan Savanna FP (Lake Co) (2), 20 Jun (RP); Aurora West FP (Kane Co) (3 males), 24 Jun (SAC); Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (a few), Jun (EES); GreenR CA (Lee Co) (2), 9 Jun (VMK et al.); Springbrook Pra FP (DuPage Co) ("good number on territory"), 7 Jul (JSu); Fermi (4), 13 Jul (JSm); Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 30 Jun (EWW, CAT, TK); *Henry*, 7 Jul (AFS); Midewin (4), 2 Jun (AFS); DPCA (2), 2 Jun (AFS); Kankakee (male; ph), 19-20 Jun (JHH);MomenceWet, 28 May (JHH); PembrokeTwp, 2 Jun (RDH); Iroquois Co CA, 25 Jun (JHH); *Iroquois*, 1 Jul (AFS); Chinquapin Bluffs Pr (Woodford Co), 26 May (MW); Hancock Twp (Hancock Co) (4 males), 27 Jun (SDB); KCP (3 males incl pr), 11 Jun (MGA); KSP (2 males), 20 May - 20 Jun (SA); SiloamSpr, 15 Jul (KAM); Kell_ (2 males), 8 Jun (SDB); *Lawrence* (12), 22 Jul (LH); Hickory Hill Twp (Wayne Co) (10), 30 Jun (LH); *Wayne* (4), 15 Jun (LH); *Jefferson* (2), 27 Jun (DMK); Wildcat Bluff NP (Johnson Co), 19 Jul (DMK); Grassy Slough Pr (Johnson Co), 31 Jul (DMK); Easter Slough (Pulaski Co), 31 Jul (DMK).

Song Sparrow

Breeding: MidSav (ad feeding full grown cowbird fledgling), 22 Jul (SDB, SLD); Techny Basin CA (Cook Co) (2 fledglings), 5 Jul (SG); Chi (SSCC) (ad carrying food), 18 Jul (CG); Kankakee (2 pr; ads carrying food), 1 & 20 Jun & 8 Jul & feeding 2 fledglings mayflies, 17 Jul (JHH); MeadbrkPk (ad carrying nest material), 25 May & 19 Jul (CA); Vance Twp (Vermilion Co) (nest w/3 eggs in tomato plant in garden), 4 Aug (JOS). **MC**: 62, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 56 (males), RollinsSav, 1 Jun – 7 Jul (SLD, SDB); 38, *Bureau*, 24 Jun (DFS); 38, HCP, 16 Jun (GAW); 36, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); 36, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 35, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 33, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 32, BurntPrairie_, 12 Jun (VMK); 31, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB); 30, GreeneValFP, 9 Jun (JSm); 30, HennepinL, 3 Jul (DFS); 24, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 23, CarlL, 29 Jul (KAM); 22 (21 males), LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB); 21 (males), MoraineHills, 17 Jun (SDB); 21 (19 males), *Lake*, 14 Jun (SDB); 20 & 19, Kankakee, 2 Jun & 16 Jul resp (JHH); 19, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 18, LDDP, 24 Jun (TAM); 18, Monterey Mine (Clinton Co), 27 Jul (DMK); 17, AllertonPk_, 25 Jun (BC); 17, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 16, *Lake*, 13 Jun (SDB); 16 (males), AlmondM, 16 Jun (SDB); 16, MomenceWet, 28 May (JHH); 15 (males), Gifford PHA (Champaign Co), 18 Jun (SDB); 14 (13 males), Bates Fen NP (McHenry Co), 7 Jul (SDB). **Others**: MontroseH (2 males on territory) all season (GAW); JP (6, 5 territories), 10 Jun (PRC).

Swamp Sparrow

Breeding: RollinsSav (ad carrying food), 3 Jul (SDB). **MC**: 31 (males), MoraineHills, 17 Jun & 6 Jul (SDB); 20 (19 males), Bates Fen NP (McHenry Co), 7 Jul (SDB); 19 (18 males), RollinsSav, 2 Jun – 3 Jul (SDB); 15 (males), Singing Hills FP (Lake Co), 12 Jun (SDB); 12 (11 males), AlmondM, 3-16 Jun (SDB); 8 (6 males), Grant Wds FP (Lake Co), 13 Jun (SDB); 6 (males), Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 8 Jul (EWW); 5 (males), GriswoldL (McHenry Co), 17 Jun – 5 Jul (SDB). **Others**: Rockford (Anna Page Pk) (2), 1-15 Jul (DTW); RedwingSl (3 males), 14 Jun (SDB); IBSP (4 males), Jun (EWW); MomenceWet (2), 28 May (JHH). **Southern edge of range**: *Effingham*, 13 Jun (DMK).

White-throated Sparrow

Lake Forest (Lake Co)(singing male), 19 June (JS); MontroseH (singing male), 1-28 Jun & 29 Jul (GAW & JN resp,); Chi (Grant Pk) (2), 14 Jun (DFS); JP (tan-striped morph), 11 Jul (PRC) – 2nd JP mid-summer record; Woodridge (DuPage Co) (singing male), 4 Jun (JC); Downers Grove (DuPage Co) (backyard), 1 Jun (REF); **Galesburg (Knox Co)** (singing male in suburban yard), 20 Jun – 2 Jul (JM).

White-crowned Sparrow

MontroseH (singing male), **21 Jun - 25 Jul** (RDH, GAW, LMu).

Dickcissel male. Wolf Road Prairie, Westchester, Cook County. 14 June 2007.

Dickcissel pair. Wolf Road Prairie, Westchester, Cook County. 14 June 2007. Photos by Jerry Kumery.

Blue Grosbeak juvenile. Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County. 3 September 2007. Photo by Eric Walters.

Dark-eyed Junco

JP, **9 Jun** (*KMC fide PRC).

Northern Cardinal

Breeding: LostMound (female on nest w/3 host eggs), 15 Jun (SDB); MontroseH (2 pr fledged yg), season (GAW); JP (1st yg, 2 Jul) (PRC); Chi (Calumet Pk) (pr feeding nestlings), 28 May (CMa); Kankakee (carrying nest material), 31 Mar (JHH); MBC (fledgling), 30 Jun (MFr); MeadbrkPk (female carrying nest material), 25 May (CA); SouthFm (13 nests), Jun/Jul (TD); Vance Twp (Vermilion Co) (female incubating on nest), 30 Apr (JOS). **MC**: 50, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 48, Bureau, 24 Jun (DFS); 48, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 46, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 41, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 41, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 40, Jamestown_, 3 Jun (DMK); 38, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 37, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 34, Athens_, 30 Jun (VMK); 33, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 24, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 22, BurntPrairie_, 12 Jun (VMK); 20, Kankakee, 2 Jun (JHH); 20, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 20, Monterey Mine (Clinton Co), 27 Jul (DMK); 19, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); 18, Rock Springs CA (Macon Co), 12 & 20 Jun (TVL).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Breeding: MidSav (female feeding 2 yg), 20 Jul (JSS). **MC**: 13 (11 males), *Jo Daviess* (10 @ Lost Mound), 15 Jun (SDB); 12, LowdMil, 16 Jun (DFS); 11, CampPoint_, 31 May (VMK); 7, HCP, 16 Jun (GAW); 6, *Cass*, 21 Jun (TVL); 5 (4 males), *Lake*, 13 Jun (SDB); 5, MBC, 30 Jun (MFr); 5 (5 locations; 4 males), Havana & Sherman Twps (Mason Co), 21 Jun (SDB). **Others**: MoraineHills (3 males), 17 Jun & 6 Jul (SDB); RollinsSav (3 males), 2 Jun (SDB); Campton Hills Pk (St. Charles, Kane Co) (2 pr), 8 Jul (JSa); BigBend (4 males), 30 Jun (EWW); Aroma FP (Kankakee Co) (4), 11 Jun (JHH); Kankakee (3), 10 Jun (JHH); Loda PHA (Iroquois Co) (3), 30 May (SDB); Stillwell_(4), 1 Jun (VMK); S.M. Bellrose NP (Logan Co) (3), 25 Jun (TVL); Mettler Wds NP (DeWitt Co) (3), 15 & 25 Jun (TVL); *Clark* (3), 19 Jun & 3 Jul (DMK); CarlL-F (2), 23 Jun (DMK); CarlL-C (4), 4 Jul (DMK). **Southern edge of range**: *Jasper*, 16 Jun (LH); *Crawford*, 20 Jun (LH); Martinsville_(2 males; one in Oblong Twp [Crawford Co]), 29 Jun (SDB); Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); *Clinton* (4), 1 June (DMK); Dudleyville_(5), 3 Jun (DMK); Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); *Marion* (6 @ 2 locations), 7 & 21 Jun (DMK); Alma & Kinmundy Twps (Marion Co) (2 males), 8 Jun (SDB); no. Perry Co (2), 6 Jul (RR); nw Perry Co (2), 7 Jul (RR); Grand Tower Twp (Jackson Co) (male & female), 23 Jun (KAM).

Blue Grosbeak

Breeding: Campton Hills Pk (St. Charles, Kane Co) (3; pr incl female w/juv), 2-11 Jul (SAC, PM, AFS). **MC**: **32**, MississippiR levee road (Alexander/Union Cos), 10 Jun (DMK); 15, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 13 (8 males & pr), Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 10, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 8, ESTL, 9 Jun (DMK); 8, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 8, Wildcat Bluff NP (Johnson Co), 19 Jul (DMK); 8, *Johnson*, 23 Jul (KAM); 7 (6 males; 5 locations), *Mason*, 20-21 Jun & 3-4 Aug (SDB); 7, PrRdg-M, 13 Jun (JWW, et al.); 6, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 6, Pomona, 19 Jul (DMK); 6, LtlBlkSl, 23 Jul (DMK, KAM); 6, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 6 (4 males), LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB); 4, Midewin, 21 Jul (JSm); 4 (3 male), along half mile of road, Goofy Ridge (Mason Co), 3 Aug (RGB, SNB); 4, PrRdg-M, 8 Jun (DMK); 4, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 4, CarlL-C, 4 Jul (DMK); 4, Carson Twp (Fayette Co), 12 Jun (DMK); Barnhill Twp (Wayne Co), 22 Jun (DMK); 4 (3 males) Shawnee NF (Hutchins Crk, Union Co), 19 Jun (SDB, JWW); 4, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 4 (males), se *Massac*, 5-6 Jun (SDB). **Others**: MoraineHills (singing male), 17 Jun (SDB); IBSP (pr), 7 Jul (EWW); BigBend (1st yr male), 25 Jun (DFS); PembrokeTwp, 2 Jun (RDH); GLPSP (male), 2 & 10 Jun & 1 Jul (AR, UWG, AFS, m.ob., resp); Victoria (Little John Conservation Club, Knox Co) (pr), 20 Jun (JM); Jubilee College SP (Peoria Co) (4 locations w/2 @ 2 locations), Jun – 1 Aug (MB); Sonora Twp (Hancock Co), 28 Jun (SDB); Athens_(3), 30 Jun (VMK); BannerMarsh (sub-ad male), 23 Jun (JM); Lodge (Piatt Co), 6 Jul (MPW); Champaign (Kaufman Pk) (male), 2 Aug (TD:ph); St. Joseph (Champaign Co) (2 males), 17 Jul (MPW); RiverBend (2 singing males), 27 Jul (BC); Fairmount (Vermilion Co) (male), 11 & 19 Jul (JOS, SDB); Forest Glen Pr (Vermilion Co) (male & female, pr?), 16 & 19 Jul resp (MGA); SiloamSpr, 15 Jul (KAM); Spunky Bottoms Pr (Brown Co) (singing male), 21 Jul (TAM); Charleston (Coles Co) (singing on territory), 6 Aug (LBH); *Jasper*, 16 Jun (LH); Jamestown_(3), 2 Jun (DMK); Allendale (Wabash Co) (singing male), 31 May (SDB); Krotz NP (Randolph Co) (male), 7 Jun (SDB); BurntPrairie_(3), 12 Jun (VMK); Omaha Twp (Gallatin Co) (male), 20 Jun (SDB); Grassy Slough Pr (Johnson Co) (2), 31 Jul (DMK); MermetL (3), 31 Jul (DMK).

Indigo Bunting

Breeding: JP (ad male w/begging fledgling cowbird), 22 Jul (PRC); MBC (ad feeding cowbird), 7 Jul (MFr); SouthFm (newly completed nest), Jun (SDB); Herschel Workman PHA (Vermilion Co) (female carrying nest material), 30 May (SDB); KCP (3 nests, 2 later predated), 22 Jun & 12 Jun (MGA). **MC**: 124, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 91, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 82, PembrokeTwp, 9 Jun (DFS); 61, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK); 60, CarlL-F, 27 Jul (DMK); 58, Palos, 29 Jun (DFS); 55, *Bureau*, 24 Jun (DFS); 54, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB); 53, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 51, *Johnson*, 23 Jul (KAM); 49, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 48, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 47, *Jersey*, 15 Jul (KAM); 41, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 40, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); 40, LtlBlkSl, 19 Jul (DMK); 39, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 37, BurntPrairie_, 12 Jun (VMK); 35, HCP, 16 Jun (GAW); 34, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 32, MermetL, 10 Jun (DMK); 30, Pomona, 19 Jul (DMK); 29, CampPoint_, 31 May (VMK); 29, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 26, *Pike*, 15 Jul (KAM); 25, MBC, 8 Jun (MFr); 24, HL, 20 Jul (KAM); 23, ShabbonaL SP (DeKalb Co), 22 Jul (DJS); 23, KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA); 23, Athens_, 30 Jun (VMK). **Other**: JP (4 males, 3 territories), 30 Jun (PRC).

Painted Bunting

ESTL (territorial pr incl banded male returning from previous years), 6 May – 28 Jul (DMK, TAM, KAM, IOS). Also an unbanded male present at same location 12 May – 9 Jun (DMK).

Dickcissel

Breeding: MidSav (female feeding 2 yg), 20 Jul (JS); Miller Meadow FP (Cook Co) (confirmed nesting), 25 Jun (JSA); Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co) (pr cop then female nest building), 13 May (EWW); RiverBend (ad on nest), 10 Jul (BC et al.). **MC**: 152, PrRdg-J, 12 Jun (JWW, et al.); 124, PrRdg-M, 13 Jun (JWW, et al.); 96, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 79, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 72, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); 68, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 65 (59 males), BigBend, 30 Jun (EWW); 60, CarlL-C, 4 Jul (DMK); 54, Midewin, 10 Jun (DJS); 50, LostMound, 9 Jun (VMK et al.); 40, *Henry*, 25 Jun (DFS); 36, CampPoint_, 31 May (VMK); 36 (33 males), Gifford PHA (Champaign Co), 18 Jun (SDB); 36, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 34, Stillwell_, 1 Jun (VMK); 34, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 34, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 32, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB); 30, John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 2 Jun (CBT, BT); 30, CarlL-F, 28 Jul (DMK, TAM); 27, MBC, 8 Jun (MFr); 27, Harristown_, 26 Jun (VMK); 26, ShabbonaL SP (DeKalb Co), 22 Jul (DJS); 24, MississippiR levee rd (Alexander/Union Cos), 10 Jun (DMK); 23 (males), New Salem Twp (McDonough Co), 26 Jun (SDB); 22, *McDonough*, 15 Jul (LLH); 22, Fairbury_, 7 Jun (VMK); 22, Loda PHA (Iroquois Co), 30 May (SDB); 22 (males), sw *White* & nw *Gallatin*, 20 Jun (SDB); 20, Miller Meadow FP (Cook Co), 25 Jun (JSA); 20, OrlandGr, 27 Jun (WS); 20, Clifton PHA (Iroquois Co), 30 May (SDB); 20, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 20, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 18, Miller Meadow FP (Cook Co), 3 Jun (JSA); 17, AllertonPk_, 25 Jun (BC). **Others**: Rockford (Anna Page Pk) (4), 1 Jul (DTW); Bates Fen NP (McHenry

Co) (2 males), 12 Jun (SDB); MoraineHills (3 males), 11-17 Jun (SDB); IBSP (13), 1-7 Jul (EWW); Libertyville (Lake Co) (several), 7 Jul (EL); RollinsSav (male), 21 Jun (SLD); SunL FP & RcdwingSl (Lake Co) (2 males), 14 Jun (SDB); Wauk (2 males), 6 Jun (CF); Fort Sheridan (Lake Co) (6), 10 Jun (CEG); Deer Grove (2 males), 1 Jun (CF); GreeneValFP (6), 9 Jun (JSm); Techny Basin CA (Cook Co) (8; 1 female), 20 Jun (SG); Wolf Rd. Pra NP (Cook Co) (8 incl 2 pr), 16 Jun (CAT, TK); LCal (golf course) (13 males), 24 Jun (WJM).

Orchard Oriole garthering food for young. McHenry Dam, McHenry County. 30 June 2007. Photo by Mattew Fletcher.

Bobolink

MC: 129, PaulDouglas, Jun (SS); 23 (males), RollinsSav, 1 Jun – 3 Jul (SLD, SDB), but 25 (males, females, & yg @ one location), 3 Jul (SDB); 15, Bartel Grassland FP (Cook Co), 4 Jul (DR); 10, OrlandGr; 10 Jun (GAW). **Others:** ne *Stephenson* (3 males), 10 Jun (DTW); MoraineHills, 6 Jul (SDB); Bates Fen NP (McHenry Co) (2), 12 Jun & 7 Jul (SDB); Lake Villa (Lake Co) (2 males), 14 Jun (SDB, MPW); IBSP (2), 7 Jul (EWW) – "don't usually breed within 8 miles of this location"; MidSav (4), 22 Jul (SDB, SLD); nw *Ogle* (4), 16 Jun (DTW); NachusaGr (9), 26 May (EWW); Kishwaukee SF&WA (DeKalb Co), 30 Jun (MA); GreeneValFP (2), 9 Jun (JSm); Springbrook Pra FP (DuPage Co) (4), 23 Jun (DTW); Kankakee (male & female), 16 Jun – 7 Jul (JHH); Clifton PHA (Iroquois Co) (male), 30 May (SDB); Sonora Twp (Hancock Co) (6; 4 males), 28 Jun (SDB); Hancock Twp (Hancock Co) (3,2 males), 27 Jun (SDB); New Salem Twp (McDonough Co) (3), 26 Jun (SDB); Sherman Twp (Mason Co), 21 Jun (SDB); Reilly (Vermilion Co) (2 males), 1 Jun (SDB).

Red-winged Blackbird

Breeding: MontroseH (several prs fledged yg), season (GAW); JP (two lg fledglings), 1 Jul (PRC). **MC**: 894, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); 700, Monterey Mine (Clinton Co), 27 Jul (DMK); 544, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 478, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 474, PrRdg-J, 12 Jun (JWW, et al.); 400, CarlL-C, 4 Jul (DMK); 400, CarlL-F, 28 Jul (DMK, TAM); 400, MermetL, 10 Jun (DMK); 356, Harristown_, 26 Jun (VMK); 327, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 271, MoraineHills, 6 Jul (SDB); 202, Fairbury_, 7 Jun (VMK); 201, PrRdg-M, 13 Jun (JWW, et al.); 200, TwoRivers, 21 Jul (DMK, IOS); 200, Barnhill Twp (Wayne Co), 22 Jun (DMK); 199, Stillwell_, 1 Jun (VMK); 198, CampPoint_, 31 May (VMK); 184, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 181, *Bureau*, 24 Jun (DFS); 180, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB); 179, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 159, Waynesville_, 25 Jun (VMK); 155, Pontiac_, 8 Jun (VMK); 155, LDDP, 24 Jun (TAM); 145, *Henry*, 25 Jun (DFS); 139, MontroseH, 29 Jun (GAW); 110, AllertonPk_, 25 Jun (BC).

Eastern Meadowlark

Breeding: MBC (nest w/5 eggs), 6 May (MFr); Sonora Twp (Hancock Co) (female on nest w/5 host eggs), 28 Jun (SDB); MeadbrkPk (pr w/fledged yg), season (BC et al.). **MC**: 209, PrRdg-J, 12 Jun (JWW, et al.); 139, PrRdg-M, 13 Jun (JWW, et al.); 93, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 65, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); 46, Columbia_, 9 Jun (KAM); 40, LostMound, 9 Jun (VMK et al.); 38, PaulDouglas, Jun (SS); 38, New Salem Twp (McDonough Co), 26 Jun (SDB); 38, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB); 37, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 36, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 34, *Grundy*, 30 Jun (DFS); 32, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 32, so. *Massac*, 6 Jun (SDB); 31, CampPoint_, 31 May (VMK); 29, GLPSP, 9 Jun (MW DB); 26, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 25 (males), RollinsSav, 1 Jun – 3 Jul (SLD, SDB); 24, Athens_, 30 Jun (VMK); 21, Stillwell_, 1 Jun (VMK); 21, Waynesville_, 25 Jun (VMK); 20, sw *White* & nw *Gallatin*, 20 Jun (SDB); 18, Hancock Twp (Hancock Co), 27 Jun (SDB); 18, Harristown_, 26 Jun (VMK); 18, *Madison*, 20 Jun (DMK); 17, AllertonPk_, 25 Jun (BC); 17, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 15 (14 males), Havana & Sherman Twps (Mason Co), 21 Jun (SDB); 14, Belknap_, 14 Jun (VMK); 13, Atkinson_, 25 Jun (DFS); 13, Midewin, 10 Jun (DJS).

Western Meadowlark

MC: 25, LostMound, 9 Jun (VMK et al.); 16, Atkinson_, 25 Jun (DFS); 13, *DeKalb* (sod farm), 4 Jul (DJS); 8, nw *Ogle*, 16 Jun (DTW); 7, *Henry*, 21 Jul (CAT, TK); 5 (4 males), Prairie Green Twp (Iroquois Co), 1 Jun (SDB). **Others**: Durand (Winnebago Co) (3), 10 Jun (DTW); Dunham Rd sod farm (McHenry Co) (4), 26 Jun (DFS); Wauk Apt (male), 16-23 Jun (JSS, AFS resp); Naausay Twp (Kendall Co) (2 males), 10 Jun (DJS); Momence sod farm (Kankakee Co), 4 Jun (JHH); Pontiac_ (3), 8 Jun (VMK); Canton (Fulton Co) (singing male), 20 Jun (LLH); Waynesville_ (4), 25 Jun (VMK); Bluff Springs (Cass Co) (2 males), 10 Jun (BA).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Breeding: JPPSP (2 pr w/2 juv, 2 pr w/3 juv; more male juv than female); 24 Jun (PM). **M.C.**: 31 ad & yg 20 Jun, RollinsSav, (JSS), w/15 males 9 Jun (SLD); 18, JPPSP (see above); 6 (males), UMRNWR, SpringL (Carroll Co), 13 Jun (JC). **Others**: Hooper Branch Savanna NP (Iroquois Co) (female), 8 Jul (JB); MontroseH, 17 Jul (JN); HennepinL (3), 24 Jun (DFS).

Brewer's Blackbird

Breeding: IBSP (4-5 prs on territory), May/Jul (EWW). **MC**: **55**, H & E sod farm (McHenry Co), 4 Jul (DJS).

Common Grackle

Breeding: MontroseH (several prs fledged yg), season (GAW); JP (1st yg - 2 on 14 Jul) (PRC). **MC**: 710, MoraineHills, 6 Jul (SDB); 490, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); 319, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 300, ESTL, 19 Jul (KAM); 285, *DuPage*, 16 Jun (DFS); 274, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB); 263, Harristown_, 26 Jun (VMK); 243, Waynesville_, 25 Jun (VMK); 208, *Henry*, 25 Jun (DFS); 200, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 21 Jul (DMK, IOS); 183, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 176, Stillwell_, 1 Jun (VMK); 150, Monterey Mine (Clinton Co), 27 Jul (DMK); 146, Pontiac_, 8 Jun (VMK); 114, Fairbury_, 7 Jun (VMK); 109, MontroseH, 9 Jun (GAW); 104, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB).

Brown-headed Cowbird

Breeding: Hancock Twp (Hancock Co) (fledgling), 27 Jun (SDB); See the following accounts for host species attending cowbird eggs and/or young: Least Flycatcher, Eastern Phoebe, Warbling Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue-winged Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Chipping Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Indigo Bunting, and Orchard Oriole. **MC**: 200, Monterey Mine (Clinton Co), 27 Jul (DMK); 50, *Bureau*, 24 Jun (DFS); 43, PembrokeTwp, 9 Jun (DFS); 38, RollinsSav, 1 Jun – 7 Jul (SLD, SDB); 36, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 35, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 34, Kankakee, 17 Jul (JHH); 34, Waynesville_, 25 Jun (VMK); 31, Harristown_, 26 Jun (VMK); 29, Stillwell_, 1 Jun (VMK); 28, AllertonPk_, 25 Jun (BC); 26, Fairbury_, 7 Jun (VMK); 26, BurntPrairie_, 12 Jun (VMK); 25, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 23, Kankakee, 29 Jun (JHH); 22, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 20 (14 males), LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB); 20, KSP, 20 May - 20 Jun (SA); 20, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 20, CarlL-C, 4 Jul (DMK); 17 (12 males), Havana & Sherman Twps (Mason Co), 21 Jun (SDB); 17, Royalton_, 15 Jun (RR); 16, Iroquois Co CA, 25 Jun (JHH); 16, BeanRidge, 6 Jun (RR); 15, JP, 14 Jul (PRC); 15, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM).

Orchard Oriole

Breeding: MoraineHills (female feeding yg), 30 Jun (MFl); JP (pr incl 1st yr male cop 30 May, w/nest building 17 Jun & begging yg oriole & ad feeding cowbird 15 Jul) (PRC); Aurora West FP (Kane Co) (1st yr male feeding imm), 30 Jun (DTW); GLPSP (nest), 9 Jun (MW); Dresden Island L&D (Grundy Co) (pr feeding yg), 5 Jul (JSm); Kankakee (2 pr & female carrying food), 19-20 Jun (JHH); Funks Grove (McLean Co) (pr @ nest w/4 host & 1 cowbird eggs), 8 Jun (MW); EvergreenL (McLean Co) (4 fledglings), 18 Jun (MW); LWds (pr; female carrying nest material), 24 Jun (CA); RiverBend (2 pr, both feeding cowbird fledglings), 3 Jul (CA); LWds (ad w/3 yg), 29 Jun (BC et al.). **MC**: 18, MississippiR levee rd (Alexander/Union Cos), 10 Jun (DMK); 12, PembrokeTwp, 2 Jun (RDH); 12 (3 female), Kankakee, 10 Jun (JHH); 10, LostMound, 9 Jun (VMK et al.); 9, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 8, EvergreenL (see above); 7, PrRdg-J, 12 Jun (JWW, et al.); 6, Campton Hills Pk, St. Charles (Kane Co), 8 Jul (JSa); 6 & 4, GLPSP, 1 Jul & 9 Jun (DMK & MW resp); 6 pr, Spunky Bottoms

Pr (Brown Co), mid-Jun (MPW); 6, CarlL-F, 23 Jun (DMK); 6, *Jackson*, 15 Jun (KAM); 5 (males), RollinsSav, 1 Jun – 7 Jul (SDB, SLD); 5, Midewin, 22 Jul (JSm); 5, MBC, 14 Jul (MFr); 5, Pulaski_, 15 Jun (VMK); 4, Rockford (Anna Page Pk), 1-15 Jul (DTW); 4, GreeneValFP, 24 Jun (UWG); 4, *Bureau*, 3 Jul (DFS); 4, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB); 4 (males), KCP, 11 Jun (MGA); 4, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 4, BeaverDam_, 13 Jun (VMK). **Others**: GlacialPk (pr), 16 Jun (MFl); Bates Fen NP (McHenry Co) (2 males), 12 Jun (SDB); MoraineHills (3 males), 16 Jun – 6 Jul (SDB); IBSP (3 territories), mid-Jun – 7 Jul (EWW); MidSav (pr), 15 Jun (RP); Lake Forest & Lake Bluff OL (Lake Co) (male @ each), 25 Jun (EWW); Libertyville (Lake Co), Jun (EL); SkokieR NP (Lake Co) (male), 10 Jun (CEG); nw *Ogle*, 16 Jun (DTW); Leroy Oakes FP (Kane Co) (male), 1 Jul (CC); Bluff Spring Fen NP (Cook Co) (male), 2 Jul (AK); John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co), 4 Jun (CBT); Wolf Rd Pra NP (Cook Co) (ad male), 20 Jun (JK); OrlandGr (3), 27 Jun (WS); Springbrook Pra FP (DuPage Co) (2), 23 Jun (DTW); Kenyon NP (Woodford Co), 25 Jun (MW); MomenceWet, 28 May (JHH); Sonora Twp (Hancock Co) (2 males), 28 Jun (SDB).

Baltimore Oriole

Breeding: RollinsSav (pr @ nest), 2 Jun (SDB); Mundelein (Lake Co) (female collecting yarn in yard for nest material), 15 May (SLD, SDB); Wolf Rd Pra NP (Cook Co) (female feeding juv), 16 Jun (CAT, TK); Chi (Columbus Pk) (5 incl 3 fledglings), 17 Jun (EG); MontroseH (2 nests both w/female w/food @ nest & 3rd nest), 29-30 Jun (DA, KH & GAW resp); Batavia (Kane Co) (dead female hanging from partially completed nest made from fishing line), 29 Jun (CC); HerrickL (DuPage Co) (female nest building), 28 May (MBe); JP (2 nests & juvs late in season) (PRC); LCal (Hegewisch Marsh) (pr @ nest w/yg), 10 Jun (WJM, CAM, PAD); Kankakee (female at nest in burr oak), 17 Jun (JHH); Sonora Twp (Hancock Co) (pr feeding mayflies to 3 full-grown yg), 28 Jun (SDB); Havana Twp (Mason Co) (nest & newly fledged yg), 20 Jun (SDB); Urbana (female at nest), 8 Jun (CA); Alma Twp (Marion Co) (nest along roadside), 8 Jun (SDB). **MC**: 19, Beaubien Wds FP (Cook Co), 12 Jun (DFS); 15, LCal, 10 Jun (WJM, CAM, PAD); 12, (9 males, 1 pr), LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB); 11 (3 pr), Kankakee, 1-20 Jun (JHH); 10, HCP, 16 Jun (GAW); 9, GreeneValFP, 9 Jun (JSm); 9, MBC, 8 Jun (MFr); 8, UMRNWR, SpringL (Carroll Co), 14 Jun (SDB); 8, Sonora Twp (Hancock Co), 28 Jun (SDB); 6 (4 males), Havana & Sherman Twps (Mason Co), 21 Jun (SDB); 6, *Cass*, 13 & 21 Jun (TVL); 6, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); 5, BannerMarsh, 5 Jul (JHH); 5, CampPoint_, 31 May (VMK); 5, Kell_, 8 Jun (SDB); 5, BurntPrairie_, 12 Jun (VMK).

Purple Finch

Early Fall Arrivals?: Mundelein (Lake Co), **30 Jul** (EL); MontroseH (female/imm), **29 Jul** (KH); Downers Grove (DuPage Co) (female/imm), **28 Jul** (REF).

House Finch

Breeding: MeadbrkPk (female nest building), 27 Mar (BC et al.); Champaign (ad w/newly fledged yg), 1 Aug (SDB); Champaign (nest building), 27 Mar (RJ). **MC**: 44, JP, 28 Jul (PRC); 13, MontroseH, 29 Jul (GAW); 10, Kankakee, 29 May (JHH).

American Goldfinch

Breeding: MidSav (females on 2 nests), 22 Jul (SDB); JP (female nest building), 9 Jul (PRC); Kankakee (female w/nest material), 2 Jul (JHH); MeadbrkPk (female nest building), 19 Jul (CA); Forest Glen Pr (Vermilion Co) (nest w/5 yg), 23 Aug (MGA). **MC**: 91, GreeneValFP, 9 Jun (JSm); 54, Beaubien Wds FP (Cook Co), 22 Jun (DFS); 34 & 33, Kankakee, 28 Jul & 1 Jun resp (JHH); 27, Midewin, 15 Jul (GAW); 26, RollinsSav, 2 Jun – 3 Jul (SDB); 25, Rock Springs CA (Macon Co), 12 Jun (TVL); 20, MoraineHills, 6 Jul (SDB); 20, CampPoint_, 31 May (VMK); 18, Warren & Waukegan Twps (Lake Co), 3 Jun (SDB); 18, Milford_, 1 Jun (SDB); 18, Martinsville_, 29 Jun (SDB); 18, CarlL-C, 4 & 27 Jul (DMK); 16, *Lake*, 14 Jun (SDB); 16, BurntPrairie_, 12 Jun (VMK); 14, MermetL, 10 Jun (DMK); 13, JP, 11 Jul (PRC); 13, HL, 20 Jul (KAM); 12, LostMound, 15 Jun (SDB); 12, Gifford PHA (Champaign Co), 18 Jun (SDB).

House Sparrow

Breeding: Kankakee (female feeding fledgling), 25 May (JHH). **MC**: 1066, Jamestown_, 2 Jun (DMK); 1020, Beaucoup_, 1 Jun (DMK); 313, *Henry*, 25 Jun (DFS); 300, CarlL-C, 23 Jun (DMK); 300, Ferrin (Clinton Co), 4 Jul (DMK); 214, Dudleyville_, 3 Jun (DMK); 150, Monterey Mine (Clinton Co), 27 Jul (DMK); 130, St. Morgan_, 3 Jun (KAM); 93, MontroseH, 20 Jul (GAW).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

Breeding: SpringL SF&WA (Tazewell Co) (ad feeding fledgling), 3 Aug (SDB); Emiquon (ad carrying nest material), 11 Aug (SLD, SDB); Chau (30 nests in "metal rails surrounding a water control structure"; many/all double-brooded), May/Jul (RGB, SNB). **MC**: 30, TwoRivers, 7 Jul (DMK); 20, HL, 21 Jul (DMK, IOS); 13, *Fulton,* 24 Jun (DFS); 5, CampPoint_, 31 May (VMK). **Others**: Table Grove (Fulton Co), 17 Jun (KAM); **McLean (McLean Co)** (ad), 25 Jun (VMK).

EXOTICS

African Collared-Dove

MontroseH, 25-27 Jul (GAW:ph).

European Goldfinch

IBSP, 10 Jun (JSa et al); RollinsSav (2), 4 & 20 Jul (MFl:ph, NL:ph).

European Goldfinch, Rollins Savanna, Lake County. July 2007. Photo by Matthew Fletcher.

LATE SPRING DEPARTURES

Northern Pintail

LD: 6 Jun, Skokie Lagoons (Cook Co) (SG).

Green-winged Teal

LD: 1 Jun (3), Chau (RGB, SNB).

Semipalmated Plover

LD: 7 Jun, GLNTC (DRD); 5 Jun, LCal (golf course) (WJM); 1 Jun (5), RendL (Jefferson Co) (RS).

SNOWY PLOVER

Spfld (ad male), 4 Jun (HDB).

Whimbrel

LD: 6 Jun, Wauk (CF).

Sanderling

LD: 7 Jun, GLNTC (DRD).

Semipalmated Sandpiper

LD: 26 Jun (2), MontroseH (RDH); 18 Jun (2) but 84 there 7 Jun, GLNTC (DRD), 1 Jun (5), RendL (DMK).

Least Sandpiper

LD: 15 Jun, GLNTC (DRD); 1 June, RendL (DMK).

White-rumped Sandpiper

LD: 23 Jun, CarlL-C (DMK:ph).

Pectoral Sandpiper

LD: 23 Jun (3), CarlL-F (DMK); 12 Jun, PrRdg-J (LH); 7 Jun (2), GLNTC (DRD).

Dunlin

LD: 7 Jun (4), GLNTC (DRD).

Black-billed Cuckoo

LD: 11 Jun, Chi (**RDH).

Olive-sided Flycatcher

LD: 9 Jun, Bluff Spring Fen NP (Cook Co) (RH); 1 Jun, Kankakee (JHH).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

LD: 14 Jun, Chi (Grant Pk) (DFS); 11 Jun, MontroseH (RDH); 3 Jun, Dudleyville_ (DMK); 2 Jun, Kankakee (JHH).

Acadian Flycatcher

LD: 13 Jun, JP (PRC).

Alder Flycatcher

LD: 10 Jun, Lake Bluff (Lake Co), 10 Jun (CEG); 8 Jun (5), MontroseH (SH); 2 Jun, RollinsSav (SDB).

Willow Flycatcher

LD: 17 June (male), JP (PRC).

Least Flycatcher

LD: 8 Jun, MontroseH (SH).

Swainson's Thrush

LD: 1 Jun, Beaucoup_ (DMK).

Veery

LD: 12 Jun (male), Chi (Lincoln Pk) (RDH).

Tennessee Warbler

LD: 8 Jun (male), Chi (GN).

Chestnut-sided Warbler

LD: 5 Jun (male), JP (PJP fide PRC).

Magnolia Warbler
LD: 5 Jun, Zion, Hosak Pk, (Lake Co) (DRD).
Yellow-rumped Warbler
LD: Chi (Grant Pk) (male), **11 Jun** (DFS).
Blackburnian Warbler
LD: 8 Jun (male), MontroseH (SH); 2 Jun (2), JP (CBA fide PRC).
Blackpoll Warbler
LD: **14 Jun**, Chi (Grant Pk) (DFS).
American Redstart
LD: 8 Jun (male), MontroseH (SH).
Ovenbird
LD: 6 Jun, MontroseH (RDH).
Northern Waterthrush
LD: 26 May, Kankakee (JHH).
Connecticut Warbler
LD: 8 Jun (female), MontroseH (RDH).
Mourning Warbler
LD: 6 Jun (3), MontroseH (RDH); 5 Jun, *Champaign* (DLT); 4 Jun, Helms Wds FP (Kane Co) (SAC).
Wilson's Warbler
LD: 6 Jun (4), MontroseH (RDH); 6 Jun, JP (PRC).
Canada Warbler
LD: 12 Jun, MontroseH (SBu).
Scarlet Tanager
LD: 3 Jun (male), JP (PRC, CBA).
Field Sparrow
LD: 9 Jun (male), JP (DCA fide PRC).
Sharp-tailed Sparrow
LD: 30 May, Herschel Workman PHA (Vermilion Co), (JWW).
Lincoln's Sparrow
LD: 31 May, JP (JHH).

EARLY FALL ARRIVALS
Semipalmated Plover
EA: 14 Jul (2), LDDP (TAM).
American Avocet
EA: 4 Jul (ad female), JP (PRC, CBA:ph).
Greater Yellowlegs
EA: 23 Jun, CarlL-F (DMK); 24 Jun, LDDP (TAM).
Lesser Yellowlegs
EA: 23 Jun, CarlL-C (DMK); 1 Jul, Emiquon (JM); 11 Jul (9), LDDP (TAM).
Solitary Sandpiper
EA: 3 Jul (3), KCP (MGA); 4 Jul (2), CarlL-F (DMK); 6 Jul (3), Long Grove (Lake Co) (PM); 7 Jul, LDDP (TAM); 15 Jul, HL (FRH).
Sanderling
EA: 18 Jul (2, alt plum), LDDP (TAM).
Semipalmated Sandpiper
EA: 21 Jul (2), TwoRivers (TAM, DMK, KAM); 21 Jul, HL (DMK, IOS).
Least Sandpiper
EA: 23 Jun, CarlL-F (DMK); 6 Jul (13), Long Grove (Lake Co) (PM); 7 Jul (12), LDDP (TAM, MFD); 7 Jul (6), *Edwards* (RS); 9 Jul (3), KCP (MGA); 16 Jul, HL (FRH).
Pectoral Sandpiper
EA: 1 Jul, Emiquon (JM); 4 Jul (2), CarlL-F (DMK); 14 Jul, LDDP (TAM); 15 Jul, HL (FRH).
Dunlin
EA: **5 Jul** (ad in alt plum), MontroseH (GAW: ph).
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
EA: 27 Jul (injured leg), LDDP (TAM).
Short-billed Dowitcher
EA: 3 Jul, KCP, (MGA); 11 Jul, LDDP (TAM).
Wilson's Phalarope
EA: 11 Jul (2; male & female), LDDP (TAM).
Caspian Tern
EA: 24 Jun (3), LDDP (TAM).
Forster's Tern
EA: 2 Aug (worn ad), LDDP (TAM).
Black Tern
EA: 14 Jul (molting ad), LDDP (TAM).
Northern Waterthrush
EA: MontroseH (2), 26 Jul (DAi).

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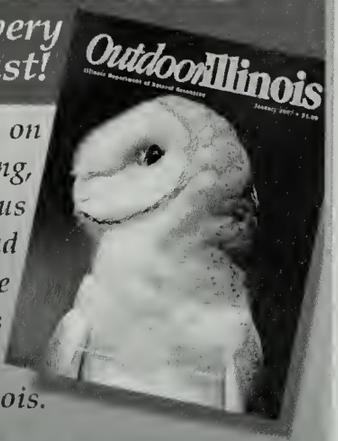

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